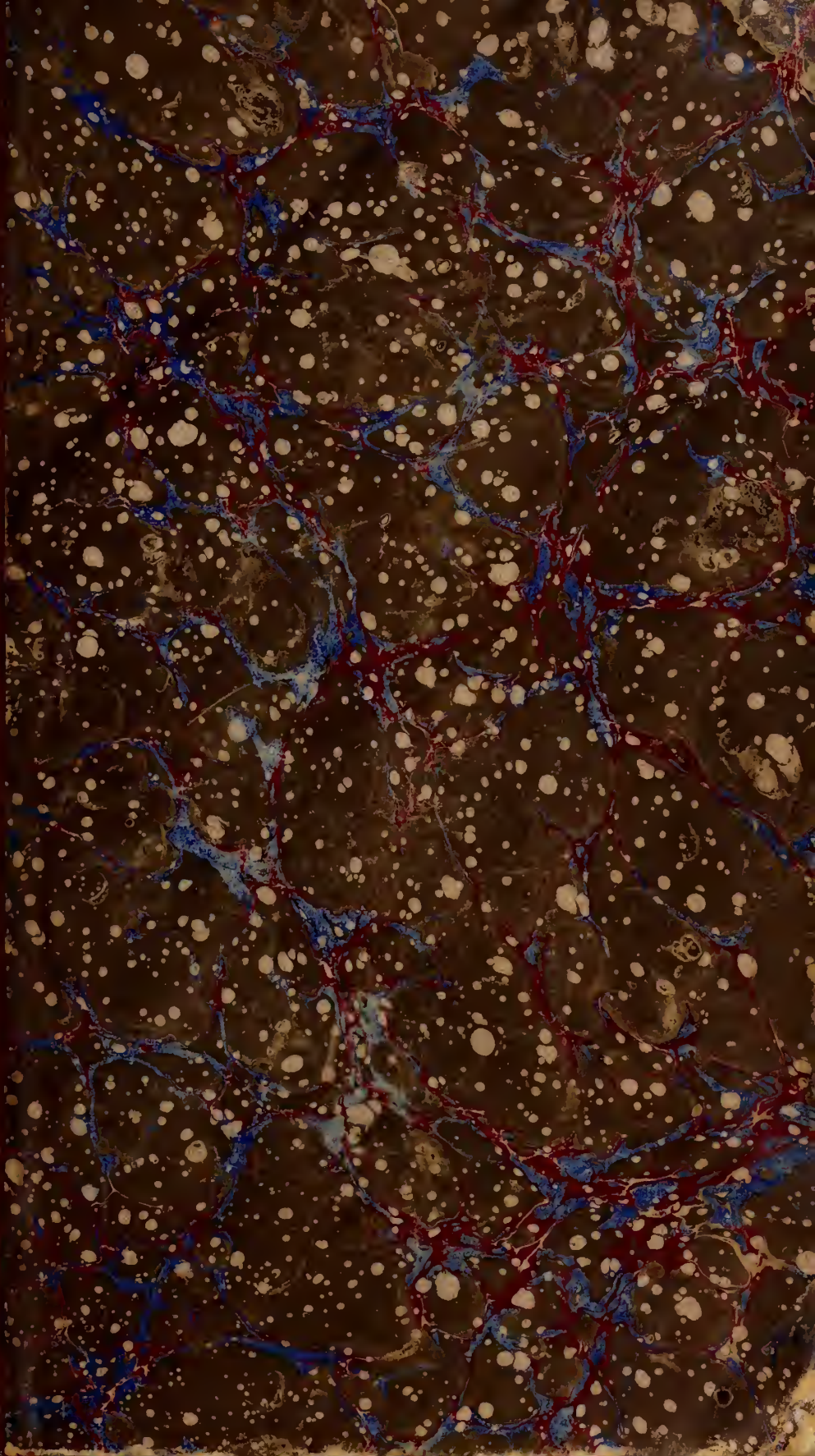

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WITH the dawn of the new year, "the brightness of certainty" was revealed to Mrs. Alex. A. Pieters and, with the submission and cheerfulness which have marked her prolonged illness, she passed into the Heavens leaving a sorely bereaved husband and mother and friends. On her wedding day, in the summer of 1902, Mrs. Pieters started with her husband for the Philippine Islands, where, but a few days after arriving, she was seized with typhoid fever. She never had health afterward and the removal to Korea, Sept., 1904, was only a temporary benefit. Very rarely is such a letter ever written as we print, from her chamber of death, and in it may be seen how she was a blessing to her associates and why they loved her greatly.

THE Africa Mission cabled "sincere condolence to friends of Lien-chou martyrs." Good for Africa!

THE Committee of the Woman's Missionary Association of the Presbyterian Church of England, passed a Resolution of "deep sympathy with the societies immediately represented by the martyred missionaries . . . for missionaries are the common property of the Church, the whole world over."

SEE, in letters department of this magazine, the spontaneous outburst of feeling regarding Dr. Eleanor Chesnut's death, from a man and a doctor in Shantung.

NOTHING better could we have from China than the tidings of revival at Soochow. See "Letters."

FRIENDS of Mrs. Nevius will keenly sympathize with her in the death of her cousin, Miss Bainbridge, "the dearest, most faithful companion" for more than twenty-three years. She was one of the attractions of the hospitable home in Chefoo and, while never an appointed missionary, "taught hundreds of Chinese their first lessons in the character or in Christian doctrine."

BACK again in her Tokyo home, Mrs. Thompson writes: "The spirit of independence in the Church does not seem to make any difference with us. The Japanese are kindlier than ever, and we are more disposed than ever to throw our whole souls into our life-work here. Mr. Thompson has not been so well in years as since we came back."

AGAIN West India is threatened with famine. "Friends helped us," writes Miss Wilder, "to care for nearly a thousand children in the last famine; the same opportunity may soon be ours and we desire to be faithful in prayer and effort."

THE death of Dr. James Stewart of Lovedale occurring at this time, when many thousands are studying Africa, it is to be hoped that wide attention will be drawn to his books, his aims, and his service as a standard bearer, in a part of the earth where there were few like him to display a banner for the truth.

THE Imperial Commissioners appointed by the Emperor of China to visit the United States will be entertained, on Feb. 2, by a dinner to be given at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, under the auspices of the Boards of Foreign Missions having headquarters in the city. Hon. John W. Foster will preside.

A REMARKABLE missionary conference on Christian unity in China was held at Peking last September. One of the first objective points sought was a common hymn-book, instead of the thirty books now in use. The hymn, "My faith looks up to Thee," was found in twenty-two books in seventeen different forms. The delegates, representing twenty societies, took a long step forward towards not only the hymn-book, but uniform designations for churches and chapels, uniform terms for God and the Holy Spirit, and such federation as may lead in time to one Christian Church in China.

SINCE the Lien-chou martyrdoms, the Board of Foreign Missions has been the recipient of numerous letters of Christian sympathy from Missions and Boards of various branches of the Church. Of them all, we refer to only two. That from the C. M. S. (English) Mission in Hunan throws a broad light on the isolation and importance of Lien-chou field. The writer did not learn definite facts of the massacre until twenty-five days after the event, although as he says: "We occupy the nearest stations to Lien-chou on the west and north. As we are separated by difficult mountain journeys (nine days from here), we have never met those who are now on earth no more, but as the work grew we were ultimately expecting to come into contact with them." The other letter is a moving one from students of Canton Christian College to the friends of Mr. Peale: "We are sadly shocked and deeply chagrined to hear of the hideous massacre. Instead of appreciating the many kindnesses received, they repaid them in such a cruel and brutal way. This is a shame to our people. When we think of this our hearts break. . . . Your loved ones have gone up to be with the Saviour and who knows but their 'faith unto death' influence may be more to the lives of the people at Lien-chou hereafter than it has ever been before?" The more students gathered into such a college, the better.

THE boycott has created a widespread irritation in all Kwangtung Province; in Yeung Kong district it has not been prudent for missionaries to itinerate.

THE American College for Girls in Constantinople suffered a disaster, Dec. 15, in the destruction by fire of its fine, large "Barton Hall." This was a solid brick building, erected nearly twenty-five years ago by the late Wm. Chapin of Providence, R. I., in memory of his wife. It contained the College Hall, with valuable organ and piano, dormitories for forty students and seven teachers, laboratories, a gymnasium and other rooms. The fire, which originated in a chimney, broke out in the evening and no one was injured. The admirable behavior of the students under direction of the president, Dr. Mary Patrick, and her associates, is highly praised. The governor of Scutari, the military commander, the chief of police and other Turkish officials did their utmost to extinguish the fire and, except for their efforts, the other large building would have been destroyed also. Proffers of sympathy and aid promptly tendered by the U. S. Consulate, by clergymen of the English Memorial and Scotch Presbyterian churches, by residents of various nationalities, indicate the confidence and high regard in which the College is held among educated people of the city.

A UNION medical school for Chinese women is the talk at Peking.

BY action of the last Annual Meeting of Central China Mission, the Mandarin-speaking stations, Nanking and Hwai-yuen, were constituted a separate Mission under the name, "Nanking Mission." A principal reason given for this procedure is that a month of time may be annually saved to the northern stations if, instead of taking the long journey to Mission Meeting at Shanghai in September, it may be held at Kuling, their mountain resort, in the heat of summer. The southern stations continue under the old name and, being no longer obliged to accommodate Nanking, they also propose to put Annual Meeting into the summer vacation, which is passed on Moh-kan-san.

HENCEFORTH, not "Peking Mission" but the more comprehensive term, North China Mission.

A POST OFFICE has lately been assigned to Lienchow with the official title of "Lien-chou," therefore we now drop the old spelling and adopt the new. In the same way, Wei Hien for the future gives place to "Wei Hsien."

TWO Bible classes at Syen Chun, Korea, each numbering one hundred and twenty-five women, all of whom have believed in Christ within a year, are taught respectively by Mrs. Sharrocks and Mrs. Kearns. None of the whole number can get inside the church door for Sunday preaching service, but content themselves on straw mats outside, rain or shine. "We wonder why these dear lambs ever come to church under the circumstances. We have as cold weather here as in Chicago, and many of them are thinly clad."

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A Visit to the Women's Hospital in Paotingfu.

It is time for afternoon clinic, and one by one the patients begin to drift into the compound. No doubt where they are going! Here is a poor old blind woman, led by her small grandson, hobbling along on bound feet. She has heard that the doctor in Paotingfu can remove cataracts, and has walked twenty miles for an operation. Here is a big boy four years old being carried by his mother. He cries and moans constantly as she hurries on. There is probably no hope for him. They and all the rest disappear through the door of the hospital court, which to most of them is a door of hope. Within the walls of the court, how neat and cheerful! The waiting-room is as clean as a new pin, and a kindly faced Chinese woman is there talking about the "Jesus Way." She gives each patient a little

WAITING-ROOM, HODGE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

wooden stick with a number on it, and each in turn disappears through the door into the dispensary. There, the Chinese attendant leads the new patient to the table to be registered. Now ensues an interesting conversation. The foreign woman who is helping the doctor says, "What is your name?"

"Mine?" says the bewildered old woman.

"What is your name?" shouts a Chinese woman who has been here before and knows the custom.

"Name is Wang," in a tone that the stupidest foreigner could not fail to understand. "But I have no illness; this child has an illness."

"What is the child's name?"

"He is my grandson."

"Is his name Wang?"

"No; his name is Li," and she receives her card and moves aside.

The next patient is a woman with a large burn on her hand. She went to a Chinese doctor for sore throat, and he burned her hand as a counter irritant. The next patient wants a tooth pulled. Each malady is quickly diagnosed and medicine is given for two days, after which the patient must return for more. Larger quantities could not be safely given, as the patient, once at home, would be sure to swallow it all at once so as to insure a speedier recovery. The children are no better patients here than in America, and sometimes have to be disciplined; but goodness is always rewarded by a lump of sugar, and the children talk of their visits to the doctor for days afterward. One little fellow who came for daily treatment used to follow Dr. Mackey all about the room with a dog-like devotion in his brown eyes.

The daily clinic in the compound averages an attendance of perhaps thirty, and every other day the doctor has, in addition, a clinic of the same size and kind in the city dispensary. One day she saw, in the two places together, a hundred and forty-five patients. The number of dispensary patients last year was 8,661; of hospital patients, 249.

How do hospital patients differ from dispensary patients? Cases treated in the hospital are rarely contagious diseases, but such as require daily treatment, as eye diseases; or careful administration of medicine, as in heart disease; or surgical cases. The hospital patients bring their bedding and, if they are to be helpless, bring a friend or relative to take care of them, as the hospital as yet has no corps of nurses. Dr. Mackey and Mrs. Lewis are at present training two girls for such work, and hope to have more trained helpers of the sort. All patients furnish their own food and fuel while in the hospital, but have no other expense. The time of their sojourn with us, longer or shorter, is a great opportunity for seed-sowing. There are prayers with the patients every morning, at which they become familiar with many hymns and with the gospel story. Besides this, they are encouraged to learn to read the Bible and to pray, and to learn Bible verses. Many of these patients afterward come back to the city to study in classes for inquirers, and they eventually enter the Church.

HODGE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, PAOTINGFU

and patients of the day's clinic. Dr. Maud Mackey is in charge and lives in the second story.

A more indirect result, but very valuable, is the creation of friendly feeling for missionaries in general. Often when preaching in a country village, the foreigner will be received with great cordiality by some family who will gather an audience for him, serve him with

tea, and tell him of a mother or child who has been made well in Paotingfu Hospital. Yes, Chinese patients are grateful. Sometimes one comes back and wants to *kotow* to the doctor. Often they bring offerings of eggs, pickled ducks' eggs, or embroidery—the best they have—for the good doctor. There is a great deal of disease in China, due to severe climate, to poverty, and to ignorance of the laws of health. Probably in the hospital as much as anywhere do the people learn the genius and spirit of Christianity—a life of loving service freely given. "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

Grace Burroughs Mather.

Tooker Memorial Hospital, Soochow.

Extracts from Report for ten months ending July 4, 1905.

. . . A gift from Mr. Tooker, which is a comfort as bringing us into close connection with the Methodist hospital five miles away, and a constant source of interest to the Chinese, is our telephone. It is only one of the marks of the steady advance of Western civilization in Chinese ports, and is to be followed this year by the appearance of the railroad within a few yards of our building—not an unmixed blessing—but it will bring us within a few hours of Shanghai and do away with the inevitable bedding roll and lunch basket in our travels back and forth. . . .

Some day we hope to report a definite provision in Soochow for rescue work. There crowd before our minds pictures of different ones whose lives have touched ours this year, and there is ringing in our ears the cry of one who came back to us to die: "Oh, if I had only listened to you before! If I had only listened to you before!" Many of these girls come to the dispensary, but they are not allowed to come unattended, and rarely allowed to stay as in-patients. Any such proposition on our part is met by a scowl and refusal from the owners, who watch over them like hawks, knowing the danger there is with us.

One of these pictures is that of a girl in the ante-room of a Chinese house lying in her long rest, a cover over her once beautiful face and lights burning at her feet to guide her along the dark road. She first came to us two years ago, a gentle, refined girl, guarded jealously by her owner, for she was worth two hundred dollars. She was cured at the time, returned to the house, and later was bought by a well-to-do man and carried to Hangchow. There consumption fastened upon her, and she begged to be brought to us till her husband yielded. Only one short month she was with us, then went to her husband's house to die. Many a prayer had gone up by her bedside and many a message been given to her, for few Chinese women have won our hearts more than did this poor, deluded girl, but they seemed all unheeded. Yet she did care for our love. In the last days, as she lay in a half-stupor, if any one moved near her, she stirred and called our name and asked if we were coming. You say this work is hopeless, but it is not hopeless if they can catch a little glimpse of the love of Christ in their last days. Would God they could all be brought to us to die.

A girl came to clinic, wofully neglected, insane from brooding over a lover. She had been left almost to starvation. She was clad in a man's long gown and her splendid hair left in a queue down her back, but her face was most fair and gentle and she swayed on her tiny feet with true lady-like grace. "My name?" she murmured with a smile. "Yes, I had a name. My name, my name was ——," and as the doctor pushed back the sleeve from a slender wrist and revealed the scraps of flowers and weeds held there, she could only say to herself, "Ophelia." Not long after we saw this girl smiling behind bars at the Southern Presbyterian Hospital, whither we had directed her keeper. There is an awful need of insane asylums in China. Night after night we listen to the ravings of a lunatic, who is allowed to be at large in our neighborhood and scares the women and children occasionally.

We must introduce our friends to one or two new waifs who have made a home with us this year. Lau Zhen, crawling about on his knees now, greet-

ing every one that comes to the ward with most winning smile, was perhaps as pitiable an object when he came to us as we had ever seen. They brought the little skeleton to us in a tub, scarcely seeming alive but for his beautiful brown eyes and his little cry when we moved him. Poor baby! nothing but skin and bones, great sores on his back, dirty, neglected, and his feet only black gangrenous masses. He told us that his father and mother were theatrical people, that they had contracted a debt of one hundred dollars in Soochow and run away, leaving him in payment of the debt. Evidently the little fellow was not appreciated; his feet had become frost-bitten and he was thrown out to die. He had a brave little spirit and kept his box of pennies hugged near him when we dressed his feet and tried to toot on his tin horn in spite of the tears. He said, "If you make my feet well I will give you lots of good things to eat—meat, chicken and duck, candy and oranges and grapes and dates"—and a list of things which our readers might fail to recognize. It seemed for a long time that nothing could make him well again, but he did gain strength for the operation, and both stumps healed afterwards without the slightest trouble. He is one of the brightest children we have had in the hospital and wins everybody by his trustful spirit.

. . . Three patients have been baptized. If all those who have said "I believe" as we talked to them by the bedside or in clinic, had truly become children of God, then the harvest would have been great indeed, but the good seed is carried away by the evil one, or thorns come up and choke it. Occasionally we find one who, hearing the gospel in the hospital, goes home to worship idols no more. One woman is most anxious to join the church, but is prevented and persecuted by her husband. One dear little boy, who had been treated months ago, died this year in his own home and to the very end, almost too weak to speak, he would brighten at the mention of Jesus' name and say, "Yes, I believe in Him." While there are such we will not think the work is in vain.

Frances F. Cattell (absent on furlough), *Mary E. Fitch*, } Physicians in charge.
Mary T. Lattimore, Matron.

In-patients at beginning of year.....	4
In-patients admitted during year.....	84
First visits to dispensary	1,876
Return " "	1,460
Buying medicine in dispensary.....	1,826
Total number visits to dispensary....	5,102
Out-calls.....	71
Suicides attended (one dead on arrival),	12
Total number operations.....	124

First Medical Report from Wei Hsien.—March 27–Sept. 1, 1905.

For the past six months I had charge of the Women's Hospital. Daily afternoon clinics are held, attendance varying according to weather and season of the year. I see all classes and conditions of women and children.

Every patient who came to the Dispensary heard the gospel. We hope most from the in-patients. Three of these I have in mind who were very much interested in the doctrine, while in the hospital. One of the women lives very near a country church and assured me when she went home that she would attend services and join one of the study classes; but to my sorrow she has not kept her promise. In all probability her family would not allow her. Another woman, with her daughter who had been badly burned and spent a month with us, seemed very anxious to learn. They live but a mile from here and we looked for them to be at church very often, but they have come only once. The third patient was a mother with her little boy who were in hospital six weeks. They, too, live but a mile away, and to my joy have been at services three times since returning home.

Besides afternoon clinics and in-patients, I also have quite a number of out-calls and have traveled over 175 miles in sedan chair while making them. These visits take a great deal of time, but I find it exceedingly interesting.

Dispensary patients (new)	1,183
" " return visits	537
Hospital in-patients	15
Out-calls to homes.....	42
Suicide cases.....	49
Minor operations.....	22
Sent for medicine	206

Margaret Hughes Bynon.

FRONT ENTRANCE OF HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, LIEN-CHOU.
Destroyed Oct. 28, 1905.

From Recent Letters by Dr. Eleanor Chesnut.

LIENCHOW, July 15, 1905.

Mrs. Machle originated the Girls' School and has had charge of it for years. Miss Patterson, during Mr. Edwards' absence, cared for the boys' boarding-school. All schools are now dismissed and, as most of the pupils are children of farmers, they are getting ready to help with the first harvest, which will begin next week.

I have had charge during the past few months of two day-schools. One I visited each market day, since it is on the Samkong road, but the other had little oversight. I had great respect for the Chinese teacher's ability (at least along old lines) when a class got up and recited in concert, and without hesitation, the first twelve chapters in Matthew. You may be quite sure that I complimented both teacher and pupils and made the latter happy by presenting each with a large and gaudy advertising card.

School Day was an innovation, the first of its sort here. Scholars from four day-schools for boys, the girls' day-school and the two boarding-schools were all gathered together here in Lienchow. There were about 150 of them. Each school had its banner and each a part in the entertainment. The most attractive feature, to the country people, was the kindergarten songs. Mrs. Machle has translated a number into Chinese and all the children enjoy learning them and are very clever with the motions. I think it was a great event to the children and already I have seen good effects.

In the spring the two schools were organized into a Sunday-school. A great many outsiders were attracted by it, so that Sunday afternoon has been a lively and busy time. Now in the hot weather it seems better for each school to have its own Sunday-school and Miss Patterson has promised to take charge of one of them. We go together to Samkong. Miss Patterson and I have good ponies and we find horseback riding much less tedious than a chair. I hope some time you will see our beautiful country. If only that railway would materialize more swiftly! We would go out on the front piazza where the south breeze is blowing, and watch the hills in the distance and the birds in the nearness, and we would talk over a great many things.

I hear the chapel organ. Mrs. Goo is practicing with the choir. Mrs. Goo is my medical student. She has a beautiful voice and quite a knowledge of music, so she is leader of the choir. I enjoy the organ selfishly, too, for I like to practice voluntaries and other music which cannot be played on the limited octaves of a baby organ. I have not had much time of late, though, for the hospital is well filled with patients requiring careful attention.

At Samkong the dispensary attendance is large, most of the patients being babies. Poor little youngsters, they do have vicissitudes, though most of them bob up serenely in spite of their numerous ailments.

[To an intimate friend.]

Sept. 18.—(Referring to a friend). How blest she has been in having such a father and mother! Just as you have been, too. You both ought to be better than I, a great deal. There is no excuse for you being on the same level. On the other hand, I have much to be thankful for that you both, and other dear friends, have been glad to share your good things with me.

THE JANE G. JOHNSTON MEMORIAL, LIEN-CHOU.
Fine Children's Ward. Built 1900.

You will be sorry, I know, that —— have requested the Board not to return —— to their station. I do not see how they can have such assurance. How can they be sure their work is any more acceptable in the sight of God than the work of the others? I hate this "I'll-tell-my Ma" spirit of running to the Board about things. I have endured some hard things on the mission field, but I made up my mind long ago that before I would try to dislodge any other worker, I would go myself.

Sept. 21.—We have been having cool weather, just think of it! and the mosquitoes are taking a vacation, so that I can actually write letters at night with little difficulty. This morning, I really felt frisky—a foreign sensation—but instead of playing I have been leading a sober life.

First I visited my patients in the hospital, as usual. Then came up on the hill for breakfast, after that down again to hospital prayers. On my way back visited the cemetery and a little grave outside which is my special charge. It is that of a dear little child who died in the hospital not long ago. I have just planted geraniums on the graves. They look pretty and need but little attention. I should like some sweeter flowers, but none thrive at this season.

After my return I worked awhile on a phrase book I am making for the new missionaries, but made so many mistakes that I soon abandoned it. This afternoon I have been admiring some clothing that the teacher bought for one of the boys whom I am helping in school. The poor boys, they are shabby, and I'm so sorry for them! I wish I had more with which to help them. I remember how shabby I was at Park College years ago. I do not mind nearly so much now wearing old things. This evening I again visited my patients, and after that heard one of the Bible teachers recite a chapter in Corinthians. This is a fair sample of the way each day passes, excepting those I spend at Samkong or when I visit a day-school, as I did yesterday. It ought to be a happy life and it is. I am more and more grateful for the privilege of working here in China. You have not all the beautiful things about you to stimulate you that I have. I am glad you noticed the mountains in the picture I sent you. I think the scenery here is more beautiful even than that of the Lake Country. It is very different, much wilder.

September 26.—This is a superb day and I wish you were here that we might enjoy it together. I have just been scrubbing Jackie, the cat. I wonder if you ever do such things. My sleeves are all wet from the process but I do not mind, they are cooler that way. We have heard that the new missionaries are in Canton. I hope they will not be stranded there, we need them so much here. Dr. Niles writes that they are very fine-looking people. I suppose we may expect them with the Machles in about a month. The hospital is as full as ever and most of the patients are doing well. I wish I could tell you about them.

Oct. 11.—For two weeks and a half Miss Patterson and I had been without news of the outside world. I had a rich reward for waiting, in letters received. . . . Last week I lost a patient who has been a personal friend of mine for years. She was one of my first patients in Samkong. She gave one of her children to me when it was born because, since it was a girl, her mother in-law did not want it. I urged her to keep it and I helped occasionally with the clothes. Now that the mother is dead, I shall support her entirely and put her in school. She is the little patient lying right in front of the pillar in the picture of the children's ward. I did feel oh! so sad about this death, for I miss M San who was a hearty, whole-souled sort of woman, and there are several children left motherless. The family were so good to me, too. They really acted like Christians. The weeping and wailing of the heathen is distressing. In China one can distinguish a house of mourning from afar.

I have heard from Mrs. Machle that the new missionaries really expect to come to Lienchow and I suppose they are well on their

way now. I am teaching the women a verse in English with which to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Peale, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, that bring glad tidings of good things." The little children have learned a song of welcome, too. They are so cunning, and I think you could understand their English very well.

HISTORY OF LIENCHOW STATION.

1882—J. C. Thomson, M.D., and Mrs. Thomson of Canton Mission made a prospecting trip to Lienchow and, soon after, Dr. Thomson and Rev. Wellington White were located there for the purpose of opening a station, the first white people to live in Lienchow.

1883—The brethren were joined by their families. Lienchow was not covered by treaty and they could rent no houses, but lived on their boats. They reported "Lienchow River beautiful beyond description." Not a Christian lived on its banks in 1883. The common people were friendly and the doctor had 3,000 patients that year. Later, an effort was made by officials to drive out the missionaries. Placards were posted commanding them to leave within a week, on peril of their lives. *They did not leave.* Instead, the two men walked publicly in the principal streets, Mr. White carrying his little daughter in his arms and Dr. Thomson his small son.

1884—Dr. Thomson recalled to Canton to relieve Dr. Kerr, and the Mission considering it unwise for one family to remain alone, Lienchow was left in charge of Chinese Christians.

'87—Church organized under Chinese pastor with 22 adult members.

'90—Lease of land secured at Sam Kong "extending to the Judgment Day."

'91—Dr. Machle and Rev. W. H. Lingle with their wives and Miss Louise Johnston living in Sam Kong, from which Lienchow was worked.

'92—Twenty-five added to the church under Rev. Kwan Loi. Chapel mobbed, preacher and a lad cast into prison and beaten.

'93—Church membership, seventy.

'94—Dr. Eleanor Chesnut arrived and ground was broken for woman's ward at Sam Kong.

'95—Mr. Lingle's life threatened, three Chinese imprisoned and beaten, 500 blows each, for the gospel's sake. Work opened in Hunan.

'97—Lienchow made headquarters and Dr. Machle took up residence there.

'98-'99—Dr. Chesnut alone in Lienchow; cared for both men's and women's wards. Honorary tablet presented her by an official. New women's ward erected by Chinese. Rev. and Mrs. Rees Edwards arrived 1899.

1900—Missionaries retreated to Canton; the two doctors remained until advised to go by U. S. Consul.

1902—Dr. Chesnut left for America; complimentary banner presented her.

1903-'04—Prosperous years; gentry manifested interest in hospitals and schools; new buildings erected; congregations increased; 13,000 patients treated.

These four have been trained by Dr. Chesnut herself, two on our right as nurses, the other two as medical assistants. They have lost their leader; they are in Lienchow. Pray for these four.

Women's Work and Medical Work at Hwai-Yuen.

[From family letters.]

Mrs. Jas. Cochran: It is a sorrow to me that I cannot do more. I hope that you won't think, or anybody, that we don't try to do the best we can, but neither of us feel that it is right to leave the children with the Chinese and so, without Bible women to help us, we are tied down. Mrs. Samuel Cochran and I are trying to help each other in this way: She takes care of my children in the morning while I teach a class of little Chinese girls. In the afternoons I take her babies and she teaches a class of women. In that way we get a little done. Of course we keep up our meetings for the women, each taking a meeting a week, by turns caring for all the children. The great thing that we cannot touch is visiting among women in their homes.

Mrs. Samuel Cochran: We feel greatly encouraged over the woman's work. We can see decided progress this year and are very hopeful for five or six women who are studying regularly. It is not work so much as the heathen

atmosphere and all it involves that sometimes becomes such a strain on one's nerves. No one who has not lived in the East for a long time can understand it—the never knowing whether one is being told the truth or being cheated, not because the people plan to lie and cheat but because the poor things have been schooled in it for generations. It is wonderful how Christians overcome.

Dr. Cochran twice this week has had over ninety patients in the dispensary and he operates on one or two cases every afternoon, and then has to go down again in the evening to see that they are all right. He lately spent a night at the hospital. He was very much afraid that a little boy was going to die and wanted to give him every chance. He said that the grief of the poor father, a young countryman, was agonizing. He asked if there was nothing he could do and Doctor said, "Yes, you can pray." The man fell down on his face and pleaded that his little boy might be spared. Then he turned to Doctor and Mr. Chu and said, "You pray, too." Doctor said, "We are praying," and Mr. Chu said, "We know; we have children of our own." The next day the little chap was marvelously better and the father was overcome with thankfulness and listened eagerly to the preaching. Oh, it is worth over and over and over again to leave home and friends to preach the gospel. And I know you are glad that we are here.

Dr. Cochran: We have had a number of children in hospital lately, and they always make it easier to talk to the rest of the patients. I begin by offering a colored picture to the child for learning "Jesus loves me," and of course the father has to learn in order to teach him. After that I give a plain cut from an illustrated paper or magazine each day they learn a verse or a hymn. Any colored pictures are always welcome but *decolleté* prints shock their propriety and cannot be used.

Itineration in Shantung.

As Mrs. Chang, the Bible woman, and I were walking down a village street one day the women kept asking us to come and "sit a sit" with them. One urged, "Come in and drink tea and explain the foreign doctrine," so we went into her house. A stool was placed for me in the center of the room, while the women who followed us gathered in a circle around, some sitting on mats and some on the bare earth floor. After preliminary tea-drinking, the gospel story was unfolded and one old lady asked, "If this is true, why have we never been told before?" What answer could we give?

The accessibility of Shantung women is shown by this incident and is perhaps the strongest encouragement to itinerate among them. As a rule they are much more zealous in the observances of their heathen religions than the men. The itinerator often finds it difficult to determine whether it is a help or hindrance that the women are so reluctant to give up deeply rooted heathen superstitions. It is sad to see them flocking to the temples in all sorts of weather, enduring hardship for the sake of praying to hideous images. It is they who keep prayers tied to the sacred trees which abound in North China. These prayers are simply strips of bright-colored cloth which, fastened to the branches, often give the trees a fantastic appearance. It often happens that in the most remote regions one meets with the warmest welcome. These simple country folk know but one way to show their appreciation of a visit, that is by inviting one to a meal, and the viands provided, though not always just to a foreigner's taste, are the best they have. Through their hospitality, one gains an insight into their home life that could not be otherwise obtained.

One special trial of itineration is the intense curiosity of Chinese women. Sometimes the questions come so thick and fast that one's head is positively dizzy. My feet have always been a great source of curiosity, and more than once I have removed my shoes and made myself an exhibition to interested spectators. I am often secretly amused at remarks about me, all made in perfectly audible tones. The absolute poverty of many women is another trying feature of itineration as of all departments of work. They are so taken up with their own pitiable condition that their minds cannot take in the simplest truths. I

recall vividly one woman who, with tears in her eyes, besought me to take the baby boy she held in her arms and bring him up as my own, for she had nothing on which to support him. When a Chinese woman is willing to give away her *son*, things have reached a desperate pass with her.

Perhaps most disheartening of all, is the inability of the women to comprehend the gospel. Those in rural districts are generally more ignorant than those in cities. They have lived in the same narrow groove so long that it is difficult to grasp a new idea. Sometimes when conversation has been running along smoothly, the women understanding me easily, I have introduced the gospel story. Instantly their faces became blank and after a while some one said, "We do not *understand* you." Thinking my Chinese at fault, I said it over again, choosing words very carefully. But the faces still remained blank. Then I wakened to the fact that it is not the words but the thought that they cannot grasp. In such a case, it may take days of patient explanation before light dawns.

Heathen women are reached by itineration who never could be any other way, for very few of them ever go ten miles away from home. A woman itinerator can go into their homes and mingle with them freely, as would be impossible for a man. It is a common thing for my husband to have ten times as many men as women in his audience, but when I accompany him, the number of women is always greatly increased. They will come out to hear and see a woman. Sometimes her visit awakens a desire for physical improvement on their part. Frequently, with soiled clothing, unkempt hair and dirty hands and faces, they crowd into the inn or chapel where I am. Almost invariably some of them slip away after a time, and reappear later washed and combed. A very untidy woman, whose clothing was not only ragged but smeared with grease, said to me one day, "I was almost afraid to come to see Mrs. Faris lest she might object to my rags." "Oh, no," I said, "I never object to rags if they are clean, but I do object to dirt." The following day she appeared again in a clean, though ragged, garment. I have been much amused at times by their attributing my cleanliness to the food I eat.

Itineration answers a want among the Christian women, too, one which they themselves are scarcely conscious of; that is, a new presentation of the truth such as they cannot get from a Chinese pastor. It also satisfies their hunger for the outside world, which they are sure to have after once coming in contact with people from that world of which they know very little.

Itineration wonderfully cheers the heart of the missionary. I have in mind a little mountain village nearly a hundred miles from our home in Ichowfu, which Mr. Faris and I used to visit. It lay at the end of a long journey over rivers, along precipitous embankments, up mountains where the wheelbarrow simply could not carry us and there was nothing to do but walk, sometimes for many a weary mile. And yet we were always eager to go there, for we knew the welcome of those simple mountain people would amply repay for the trouble. Once, when the little company of Christians came out to meet us, we were surprised and overjoyed to find that about twenty of the women and girls had unbound their feet since our last visit. It means more for those who are so isolated to take such a stand than for women in a city. One woman of sixty-five years had unbound her feet simply for the example to others, for at her age she could not expect to derive much benefit herself.

The Christian communities of Yao Kia Chwang and Siao Tai Ping owe their lives largely to the work of itineration. One of my early recollections of the late Mrs. Wm. P. Chalfant is connected with a visit she paid these villages when their interest in Christianity was still in its infancy, and soon after our arrival in Ichowfu. She returned enthusiastic over the reception accorded to her message in those places. The work has grown astonishingly since then, through the efforts of missionaries and Chinese helpers who have constantly visited there, and Mrs. Chalfant's name is often and lovingly mentioned. These people have recently completed the erection of a large, comfortable chapel, almost entirely by their own contributions.

I remember with what joy the first

fruits of the new work that has opened up so encouragingly in the city of Kü Chow were received. On that Sabbath afternoon four persons were baptized. Missionaries have spent weeks at a time there during the past two years, and a great many are at present studying who are not yet ready for baptism. So encouraging have itinerating results been in this city that the Mission has decided to open a station as soon as funds are available. *Ellen Asper Faris.*

A New Force in Old China.

You will be interested to see a copy of a new (daily) paper issued in Peking. It is called the *Peking Woman's Paper* and already has a large circulation. It is not a missionary enterprise, not Christian, but is strongly in favor of progress and reform. Within a few days it has printed articles on the following subjects:

"The Absurdity of Feng-shui," "Evils of Obtaining Evidence by Torture," "Proof that the World is Round and Proof that the World Moves," "Care of Children" (physically), "Importance of Truthfulness," "Kindness to Animals," "Story on Sagacity of Animals," "Evils of Opium Taking, Suggestions for the Formation of an Anti-Opium League," "Importance of Education," "Love of Country."

Each edition contains the latest telegrams and advertises schools, sewing machines, fire extinguishers, etc., gives the day of the week, and is delivered at the door daily, all for ten cents a month. Newspapers are multiplying rapidly, and they are printed in the common talk of the people. Reading-rooms are established all over Peking and, at certain hours, the papers are read aloud and discussion follows; if, in the discussion, the speaker who has the floor says a word in favor of idol worship, he is immediately called down. To us who remember the old days when there was but one newspaper in the whole Empire, this truly seems wonderful.

Lucy J. Whiting.

A Recent Out-Station Visit, Canton.

I am writing from a passage boat on which I am returning from a visit to our chapel at Tsang Shing. This boat depends upon the wind and we are going at a snail's pace.

The woman with me acts in capacity of servant and Bible woman both. A young girl, a graduate of True Light Seminary, came with us, as she can play the organ. The one we have is borrowed and is too bulky to be taken about with comfort. I often long for one of the small organs which can be folded easily and makes only a box. I am not an independent singer, but am more and more convinced that singing hymns is a great help in evangelization as well as in Christian worship in China. The same simple truth can be repeated over and over again, till one cannot help but remember it and yet it will not seem tiresome.

This is the second time I have been to Tsang Shing and we spent a few days there. Nearly every day we had sixty or more women and children at the chapel between 12 and 2 P.M. We talked and sang "Happy Day" and "Jesus Loves Me," from wall sheets, which I had written large on white cloth. At other times we visited in homes of the people. There is only one woman a church member at Tsang Shing. There are two men preaching there.

The wife of one of the preachers is a Bible woman. She is unique. If you could see and hear her, you would wonder at first how she could be useful. Her heart is very much in her Christian work and she is most earnest and unceasing in prayer. Her manner of harangue is far, however, from my taste. She cannot sing, but of this fact she is blissfully ignorant and constantly intersperses her remarks with an attempt at singing a verse of a hymn. She must act out everything she says, and her contortions in the midst of most solemn remarks make the women laugh. Yet the truth seems to reach them; they listen and respect her. One day a man of means, who has united with the church this year, brought his wife and several ladies of his family to our service. They had never before been to a church and came dressed in silks and

linen, on their little tottering feet. The servant must needs bring a present of chickens, cake and fruit which, though I refused most strenuously, I could not prevail upon them to take back. The wife was the daughter of a wealthy citizen of the Western Suburbs, which is our Canton Fifth Avenue. She had been in many places with her father when he had served in an official capacity, but was never before in a church or chapel. She can read well and has seen our Christian books. The woman with me talked and, I thought, well. But when our Tsang Shing Bible woman followed her, one lady whispered to me: "Ah! *she* knows how to talk. Yes, she can talk better than the other one." Several times she turned to me and said, "Yes, she *can* talk."

Tsang Shing is a pretty city. Within the walls there are many grassy spots and trees. Outside are beautiful green fields. The lichee trees are their glory. There is a large enclosure for a Confucius temple, with quiet walks and grassy plots, the nicest I have seen anywhere. The roofs with their ornaments are of green and orange glazed tile and look very clean and fresh. We walked there in the late afternoon and early morning and found no one to molest or disturb our quiet thoughts. Some little neighbor boys followed us around to show us the way, declaring often with great satisfaction, "Go in, go on—no one scolds." To find a place where no one scolds is indeed a find in China. There are no images in the temple, but tablets, large and small.

I trust you will pray earnestly that there may be a great awakening among the women in our out-stations.

Mary W. Niles.

Second Sight at Yeung Kong, So. China.

Returning to China after an absence of two and a half years, we had almost thought that Oriental sights and sounds would have lost their familiarity, and there would be, in some degree, a repetition of that first strange and never-to-be-forgotten experience of contact with an alien people and civilization. On the contrary, our return was a veritable home-coming, with eager straining of eyes for familiar landmarks, happy recognition of a thousand local customs; above all, a joyful reunion with friends and brethren. It seems but yesterday that we left it all, and we fall into the old niche so quickly that, but for the renewed vigor of mind and body, we can scarcely realize the long months of absence that have vanished like a dream.

Yet, withal, this second coming to China has its impressions as well as the first, less numerous, yet perhaps of more value since they are the product of experience. Some of the more salient of these "second-sight" impressions may be of interest to others.

1. One of the strongest is appreciation of the work of others. Few new missionaries can have a true sense of values. The returning worker has a new viewpoint. Having grappled for years with the problems and difficulties of mission work, he is prepared to appreciate every foot of vantage won; having learned by experience the difference between real and spurious growth, he is not discouraged by small surface gains, but looks deeper before forming his judgments. With what gratitude he notes the progress made in his absence, with what humility he realizes his own past mistakes and the improvements wrought by others!

2. No one can be absent from China many months in this epoch-making period without noting, on his return, many material changes and advances. These are most striking in Canton, where one hears the shriek of the locomotive, sees the bund rapidly extending the length of the city, and observes many new houses and go-downs built in foreign style. Even in remote Yeung Kong we find better traveling and postal facilities, bringing a closer touch of the outside world, while in our own compound a busy windmill takes the place of the water carrier of other days.

3. The general attitude of the people is wonderfully changed. It is but six years since a rough, if harmless, mob greeted the first appearance of foreign women on the streets of Yeung Kong. In many quarters of the city even men were treated with utmost discourtesy, and throwing of missiles was not un-

known. Three years ago, house-to-house visiting was practically impossible because rude crowds hindered us and made our presence unwelcome to the hostess. To-day we may go freely whither we will, seldom meeting anything but pleasant greetings and cordial invitations to enter homes. The old prejudice has largely given place to confidence and kindly feeling.

4. In connection with the work of Yeung Kong field, a noteworthy feature is the progress made in perfecting organization. Formerly, even Sabbath services were held separately in different parts of the city for men and women. Women dared not enter the men's chapel and there was no accommodation for them. To-day all worship together in the hospital chapel and hope soon to erect a new church building. A well-organized Sunday-school under the direction of Mrs. Dobson has been a blessing to women and children, and is now to be enlarged to include men and youths as well. In all departments and in the entire field, much has been done toward unifying work and workers.

5. Still more hopeful is the development of the Native Church. Not only are we rejoiced by large increase in numbers, but also by indications of spiritual growth. Christians have grown in intelligence and earnestness, are more united in spirit, and are doing more aggressive evangelistic work. A long step has been taken in the direction of self-support.

A single word may suffice to summarize the entire situation—*Opportunity.* Everywhere we meet it, on every hand we realize the inadequacy of men and means to fully embrace it. It is not only the opportunity of the missionary, in a far larger sense it is that of the Church. China is reaching out her hands to the Western world and asking for bread. Shall we give her a stone?

Edmonia S. Marshall.

YEUNG KONG, Nov. 4, 1905.

New Forces in a Country District.

I have just spent a few days in a little hamlet thirty miles from our home at Yu-yiao. The people are for the most part farmers, uneducated but hearty, whole-souled folks who always make you welcome in their homes and insist on refilling your cup almost every time you take a sip of tea. One comes with a present of eggs, another with a chicken, another with a bowl of beans steaming hot, all insisting that you must receive their gifts and regretting that they have nothing better to offer.

The chapel was formerly a temple and the evangelist the keeper of it. Now the place is transformed—the idols gone, walls whitewashed and adorned with Bible picture scrolls and a clock. (There is only one other in the village.) There is also a neat reading desk and the necessary tables and benches. Nearly all the expense of alteration was borne by the church members, and they are very proud of their chapel.

Mr. Shoemaker was called away on business, so I was alone for a few days and slept in a small room off the chapel in preference to the boat. Formerly a number of idols stood in the space that is now enclosed for a bedroom for missionaries and Chinese who come to work in that field. It was a great joy to teach the few women who came in the afternoon and speak to the large audience in the evening, composed chiefly of women and children, and, awakening in the morning after a quiet, restful night, to hear the grandfather, who used to spend all his time droning his prayers to the idols, teaching his grandchildren Bible verses before breakfast. We long for the time when more temples will be thus transformed.

In a neighboring village, I found four families in which one or more members were Christians and inquirers; a few years ago there was but one family.

Pearl Condit Shoemaker.

Boarding-Schools for Chinese Girls, 1905.

Canton, True Light Seminary: 224 pupils; 36 united with Second Church, ten began work as Bible women, three entered Medical College. One teacher has given a year's salary for installation of electric lights.

Hangchow: Every seat and bed taken. First class of six graduated; three girls received to the Church. All we need—a good building.

Shanghai: Pupils 68. Imperative need—new kitchen, bathroom and dormitory. Ten girls sleep in room 15 ft. square; 32 in room 29 ft. square. A Chinese man has given the first donation for building—$15.

Ningpo: Pupils 42. The burden of teaching is heavily increased by introduction of English. Upon one missionary falls religious instruction, five English classes, music, oversight of needlework, calisthenics, accounts, sick girls, general control.

Anglo-Chinese School.—With twelve pupils and applications from city and surrounding country, temporary quarters are outgrown after two years, and the call is for a full outfit—land and building. A friend of the school has given $2,000, the sum required for a site.

Nanking: Pupils 45; eight applications from high-class families. A Manchu brought his intended daughter-in-law; the young man who is to marry her said she *must* study.

Paotingfu, Union school: Pupils 54. Class of seven to graduate in June, 1906.

A Paotingfu Character Transformed.

Two and a half years ago, a woman came to us, brought by her sisters-in-law. They candidly said, "She is a widow, she takes opium, she cannot support herself, and we do not want her, and are unable to support her; so we brought her to you. You can teach her to read, and use her in spreading the gospel." We declined the gift. People who are not worth "a rabbit's tail," as her relatives said of her, do not seem promising material to make teachers or church workers of. Some kind words were spoken to the poor soul, and she was assured that God had a place for her, if only she would look to Him. She was told, also, that she might attend station classes for ten days each month, and begin to learn to read. So month after month she trudged the twelve miles on her little bound feet, but she was stupid and slow. She did not enjoy her share of the general work, and was so dirty that it really took grace to sit beside her whilst teaching her.

Slowly the dull mind began to respond to the love of Jesus, opium was given up, and gradually she not only gladly did her own share of work, but wished to substitute for others who were not strong. Work was found for her. She studied half a day and worked half a day. This simply provided her food, but she kept at it cheerfully, so grateful that God had had mercy upon her. About fifteen months ago she unbound her feet. That meant a definite dealing with God which was very good for her soul. Well do I remember how her face lighted up when she said, "I know God's voice, He has spoken to me; I know it, I know it."

She was taken into the house as a servant, and as soon as she earned enough to help others, she thought of an adopted child whom she and her husband had taken in, in their better days. When the husband died, the child was given to others. Mrs. Gow now claimed her, unbound her feet, clad her nicely, and put her in Miss Newton's school. She is a bright, promising girl.

Yesterday I took Mrs. Gow with me to make calls in a country district because she was from that region and knew the different villages. I confess I was astonished and delighted at the sensation she created. "Why," exclaimed one, "are you that old man's widow? I should never have recognized you." "Are you that bent, shriveled-looking little woman who used to take opium?" One heathen woman turned to me saying, "Could you change me like that?" "No," I said, "I cannot, neither can you change yourself; but the true God can, if you will pray to Him and come and learn about Him." She said: "I'll come next month to the class. I am just as Mrs. Gow was. I have only gambling as a livelihood, but now she is happy looking and strong and clean. I want to be good, but there is no other way in the world for me to live." Everywhere we went the story was the same. Mrs. Gow, without uttering a word, was a witness for the elevating power of the Cross. She did speak and she spoke well and lovingly, and I pray that some day she may have made such advances in the Christian life that her whole time may be given up to spreading the Truth. She would get puffed up and become useless if we put her into that work now. Whilst she is scrubbing floors and making beds, she is also going on with her Bible studies and we are looking up to Him "who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think."

Annie H. Gowans.

LETTERS FROM MISSIONARIES

CHINA.

REVIVAL.

MISS ANTOINETTE MOOMAU wrote from SOOCHOW, Nov. 6, 1905:

Your heart would be filled with heavenly joy to see the workings of God's Spirit in our midst. No doubt Miss —— has written of the outpouring of the Spirit upon the native conference here in October, and also upon some of the foreigners. Following that conference, meetings for Christians were begun at the M. E. Mission* by the Li brothers, under the leadership of God's Spirit. We packed up as many of our women as we could, and sent them there to remain during the meetings. I had found that my matron and teacher were not on speaking terms, and living in the same house. The teacher was persuaded to see that she was doing wrong, so I closed school and sent her over. You know the sequel, sitting under preaching of Spirit-filled men. The teacher and Mrs. Li, a Bible woman, I believe have made a complete surrender and that Christ is living in them. The other woman has not come to the end of self, but she is on the way. The

MEETINGS WERE GLORIOUS.

That for women was from about nine to twelve o'clock, with no leader. There were confessions of sin, prayers and testimonies; several inquirers took part and spoke plainly of what had hindered them in confessing Christ. Bible women spoke plainly of their lack of power for pointing people to Christ. They discussed servants' problems; the relation of the housewife to her servants. I never attended such meetings at

NORTHFIELD, OR ANYWHERE ELSE.

God was in our midst in a marvelous way. There was deep penitence and a turning to Him. The afternoon and evening meetings were led usually by the Li brothers, once or twice by foreigners. I never heard any one get down to the bottom of the gospel, the living gospel, as these two dear Chinese brothers. I never enjoyed such Christian fellowship as I did those days there with them and Miss Yui. She is just as dear, sweet and "hidden" as ever. The meetings there lasted ten days. Not a few Bible women and Christians from other places lived there during the meetings. The next step was to get these little bands to praying.

Here at our compound we have had blessed meetings. There is a hunger for the reality of the gospel as I never saw before. The Hospital Bible woman was quickened and blessed,—is a new woman. At our Friday meeting we chose not to have any human leader. The meeting lasted an hour and twenty-five minutes. I never saw such a meeting here. There were

NINE HUMBLE, PENITENT CONFESSIONS,

many prayers and, altogether, a spiritual atmosphere. We are hoping to begin meetings for women this week, with the assistance of Miss Yui and, I trust, Mr. Li. We are all rejoicing that the long-prayed-for

REVIVAL HAS COME AT LAST.

It is felt in every meeting. Here it is only the beginnings, but we know the fulness will come soon. Our C. E. in my day-school yesterday had a precious little meeting. There are six active members, and six associates. Some of them attended the revival meetings. Their faces are beaming, and they say that all is *tsin shong*, clear, now. The oldest one has been under conviction since last spring,—the one hindrance being fear of failure on his part. After two hours' talk with Mr. Li, he saw it was not whether *he* was able, but God, and made a surrender.

JAMES BOYD NEAL, M.D., writes from CHINANFU, Nov. 19:

Our hearts have been very sore in Chinanfu during the past few days over the fearful news from Lienchow. You may know that we, as a Station, had asked Dr. Chesnut to come up and take Dr. Burnham's place when we thought we would be left without a lady physician and before we heard of the appointment of Dr. Merwin. We gave the invitation because several of us here knew and admired Dr. Chesnut and because we heard that she could not stand the southern climate, and we hoped this bracing climate would do her good. For this reason and because Mrs. Hamilton had crossed the Pacific with Mr. and Mrs. Peale, who were also well known to Mr. Dodd, and because I had worked with Dr. Machle in committee years ago, many of us have felt a sense of personal bereavement in the tragic deaths at Lienchow.

I personally feel very deeply the death of Dr. Chesnut, who made a most pleasant impression upon all who met her during a visit she paid to Shantung some seven or eight years ago. It seems so hard that after years

* Mission of Methodist Church, South.—ED.

of such self-denying work as she did in South China, she should thus have been brutally murdered by the very people to whom she had been ministering. She had consecrated her delicate strength and her refinement to give such disagreeable personal attentions as are often necessary in medical work. One rather expects a man to take what comes, but to think of a defenceless woman delivered into the hands of a Chinese mob, to be foully murdered, makes one's blood run cold.

My heart bleeds for the friends of Dr. Chesnut and the other victims in Lienchow. I do not feel like writing of anything further this evening.

MRS. AMELIA P. LOWRIE wrote from PAOTINGFU, Nov. 6:

During the last few days we have had an interesting

RALLY OF CHURCH MEMBERS.

They came as guests of the mission and remained three days. Many villages were represented and some came even from the mountains fifty miles distant. The latter begged that a teacher be sent them, offering to pay him one dollar gold a month.

There were four earnestly conducted services held every day, and the interest deepened to the end, when there was much confession of shortcomings and, with tears, some besought us to remember them in prayer because God seemed so near them while they were here, but He would seem a great way off when they reached their homes. We think the members were much awakened, and what seems most providential, this was immediately followed by evangelistic services, held by Chinese pastors for three days in the Congregational church and three in ours. These have been days of blessing and we know God is working in many hearts. To-morrow begin the

TEN DAYS' STATION CLASSES,

one for women in the city under Miss Gowans' excellent care, and one for men on our mission premises. We look for much fruit from these classes.

FIRST RETURN MESSAGE.

MRS. ERVING JOHNSON, Aug. 9, announced her arrival at PEITAIHO, the summer resort:

After a delightful voyage, we are at last in China and at one of the most charming places in this country. Many missionaries find rest and strength here after a year of hard work. From Shanghai we took a small freight steamer up the coast and were met at Tongku by Mr. Gleysteen, and very thankful we were. It is a journey of two hundred miles to Peitaiho, but we were here in five hours after boarding the train. The road ran all the way through a beautiful valley. We have met nearly all from our mission and to-morrow Mission Meeting begins, so by the time it is over we will have a good knowledge of the workings of the mission. We are looking forward to a year of uninterrupted study.

ANOTHER NEW MISSIONARY.

MISS JANE A. HYDE wrote from NANKING:

We arrived in Shanghai Sept. 20 and reached Nanking on the 30th. This is a delightful place. The view of distant mountains and nearer hills is fine; such a contrast to flat Shanghai. The people are cordial and make one feel at home at once. I am giving five hours a day, except Saturday and Sunday, to study of the language and teach a class in English.

MISS NELLIE READ wrote from CANTON:

I am going to the country station, Shek Lung. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have been there ten months. You want to know about the place. The compound is a little way out of the city, right on the river. The house is like all foreign houses out here—big rooms, high ceilings, wide verandahs. I have a nice room, with two large windows overlooking the river. It is nice and clean here and the air is pure and fresh, like the country. All around are green fields. The people are gentle and kind. They come in crowds to look us over. They always want to see the Fisher baby the first thing and are so surprised that he drinks milk. This morning I had callers. They had walked miles. They heard there was an unmarried woman here, "had just left her mother, came all this way to teach us because she loved us." Such a marvel, they must see. "Mrs. Fisher came because she had to mind her husband, but this one came because she wanted to." Every Tuesday we keep open house for the women. They come all day long and we talk and sing with them, let them see everything they wish and handle anything. They sit around us like children and are eager to learn.

KOREA.

MRS. ALEX. A. PIETERS wrote from SEOUL, to her family friends at Durand, Ill., about six weeks before her death:

You cannot imagine what a treasure, and comfort, and help all loving messages, each written in its own individual way, mean to my heart at this peculiarly trying time of extreme weakness, when I am putting up the hardest fight of my life, without knowing

what the issue is to be. As the letters come, I keep praying,—"Give me fresh faith and strength for the battle, dear Lord Jesus, that I may get well for their sakes, for my dear husband's sake, and that I may see the dear home people again." It seems as though I *must* be granted these things. At times there come to me the luminous promises,—"I shall not die, but live" to proclaim Thy gospel, and "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God." All seems so strange and mysterious; but we are asking for patience, courage, and faith to endure without seeing clearly why and for how long, until the day when the brightness of certainty and the revelation of His will and loving plan comes. I am constantly praying,—"Dear Lord, if it be in accordance with Thy will, let me live and see my earthly home once more. If not, prepare me for going home to Thee."

Last week I reached a crisis in my life, quite unlike anything I had experienced before. Now I seem to have a strange feeling as though I am walking close to the brink, near the Valley of the Shadow of Death. Yet I cannot obtain the assurance whether I am to cross the line, or whether I am to turn back and again take up life's joys, struggles, sorrows, and service for God. As I lie alone in the early morning hours or during the day, when all is quiet around me, snatches of sweet songs we have sung, and precious verses of the Bible we have read together, come to my memory, and my heart breathes out a prayer, while my soul feels in special communion with my Master. "Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom. . . . I dare not ask to see the distant scene."

As I lay awake before daylight this morning, it came to me that you would receive this letter at the merry Christmas time, and how sorry I felt that this message must be so sad! But I believe the loving Father will sustain and comfort your hearts. . . . All day yesterday my mind was busy disposing of my few possessions, trying to "put my house in order," whether it be for life or death. . . . Last night I had a realistic dream of going home and landing in Vancouver, and as I awoke there came an hour when it seemed still clearer that I was to live. I realized that God has performed greater miracles than raising to new life a poor, emaciated body like mine, and that if it were in accordance with His will He would heal my disease. I determined more than ever to leave it with Him, trusting each day for the strength I would need. I could not help calling my dear husband, and together, in the dark, we had a little prayer meeting. Our Father is revealing His gracious, tender compassion as never before, and even if the vision was given me only for a while, I shall praise Him for it, and when He calls me I shall go home to Him happier for having had it.

By the time this reaches you the issue, I feel, will be determined, and you will either know that I am improving, or will have heard by cable that I have gone to that bright world where I shall be ready to welcome each dear one with outstretched arms. . . .

MEXICO.

MRS. C. D. CAMPBELL wrote from GOMEZ PALACIO, three miles from Torreon, last summer:

. . . We have a variety of bugs greater than I knew existed; immense cockroaches, crickets, swarms of ants, sow-bugs and smaller bugs *ad infinitum*, of all kinds and descriptions.

IF YOU WISH TO STUDY BUG-OLOGY,

just make us a visit. Every time we move a trunk or box, we have to destroy a whole brood, and that, too, just from one day to another.

Many members in the church here are worldly, and the most faithful have become ambitionless and are out of the habit of attending church. Therefore I have been trying to hunt up all the families of the congregation, to form a chorus of young people, and get children into the Junior Endeavor and Sabbath school. There are 64 names on the list of the infant class. When any are absent from the school we try to look them up and this keeps one busy, for out of 108 there were only 40 present last Sunday.

The congregation had one old deacon left to take care of the church, and at the hour when service should begin the good deacon was cleaning the lamps. Near the platform sat the oil can and an array of broken lamp chimneys. I have taken it upon myself to help sweep and clean the church every Saturday, so that it presents a more inviting appearance. If it were as easy to get the hearts of the people clean we would soon have a living Church. The few who had not left off attending services were sure to come late. After going several times, at the hour, and finding the church dark and closed, I took it upon myself to get the key, to open and light the church, and the people are doing a little better. We are raising a subscription to send our pastor to C. E. convention, have sent for Sunday-school cards, the church is out of debt.

HOME DEPARTMENT

UNITED STUDY OF MISSIONS, 1906.

Subject: **AFRICA.** Text-book: **CHRISTUS LIBERATOR.**

CHAPTER III. WEST AFRICA.

Aim—To show how original conditions have been affected for good and evil, by contact with the white man.

I. Countries comprised in the term "West Coast."

Present political control of each; climatic features; character of old Negro monarchies.

Influence of white men previous to 19th century.

II. Liberia.

Origin and individual position; condition of citizenship; national tongue; its people—for and against. Missions.

III. British Colonies.

Sierra Leone: Origin; present degree of civilization; results of Missions.

Gold Coast: Conquest; education; products of Missions.

Lagos: Colonial history; drunkenness and temperance; Home Missions.

Nigeria Protectorate: Bad name of the Delta; forces opposed; Christian leaders. Pioneer missions in the North; superior qualities of Hausa people.

Old Calabar Mission—pioneers, exploits and present phases.

IV. French Possessions.

The Senegal, French Guinea, Ivory Coast, Senegambia, Dahomey.

[No Protestant missions in Ivory Coast or Senegambia.]

French Congo: Explorers; mixture of tribes; local features—Dwarfs, cannibals.

American Mission: Territory; European governments; language work, summary of fifty years. Expansion of past ten years; traits of the African Church in this section.

V. Kamerun.

VI. Some West Coast Characters.

Samuel Lewis, Crowther, Eyo VII, Prince Ademuyiwa, and others.

VII. In view of this history, what do the churches of America owe to Africa? What is our duty, there?

BEFORE 1850.

1736..Gold Coast.....Moravians. Closed 1770.
1752..Gambia River.....Society for Propagation of the Gospel (Eng.). Closed 1816.*
1804..Sierra Leone.....Church Missionary Society (Eng.).
1811.. " " .....Wesleyan Society (Eng.).
1828..Gold Coast.....Basel Society.
1832..Liberia.....American Presbyterian. Closed about '95.
1833.. " .....American Meth. Episcopal.
1834.. " .....American Board. Closed '42.
1836.. " .....American Protestant Episcopal.
1840..Ashanti.....Basel Society.
1840..Fernando Po.....Baptist Society (Eng.).
1841..Ashanti.....Wesleyan.
1842..Gaboon.....American Board
1845..Cameroons.....Baptist Society (Eng.). Closed '79.
1845..Gold Coast.....Wesleyan.
1846..Old Calabar.....United Presb. Ch., Scotland.
1846..Yoruba and Lagos..C. M. S.
1850..Corisco.....American Presbyterian. United with Gaboon Miss. 1870.
1850..Lagos.....Am. Bapt. Convention, South.

* Sent out but one white man, whose only successor was one black man.

A COMPLETED FRAGMENT.

The request which was printed last month to supply missing lines from a fugitive poem, for Miss Montgomery of Hamadan, Persia, has met with a prompt response. We thank the Pastor at Saranac Lake, N. Y., a regular reader of WOMAN'S WORK at Chester, S. C., and another at Belvidere, N. J., who have each forwarded information more or less full. The poem is well worth repeating, and at this time is so suggestive of the martyrs of Lien-chou, that we present it again, corrected and completed.

GOD'S ANSWER.

The cry of man's anguish went up unto God,
"Lord, take away pain!"
"The shadow that darkens the world Thou hast made,
The close-coiling chain
That strangles the heart, the burden that weighs
On the wings that would soar;
Lord, take away pain from the world Thou hast made,
That it love Thee the more!"

Then answered the Lord to the cry of His world:
"Shall I take away pain
And, with it, the power of the soul to endure,
Made strong by the strain?
Shall I take away pity, that knits heart to heart?
And sacrifice high?

"Will ye lose all your heroes that lift from the fire
White brows to the sky?
Shall I take away Love that redeems with a price
And smiles at its loss?
Can ye spare from your lives that would climb unto mine
The Christ on His cross?"

—JULIA LARNED in *The Independent.*

CHANGES IN THE MISSIONARY FORCE.

ARRIVALS:

Dec. 20, 1905.—At New York, Rev. F. D. P. Hickman, from Africa. Address, Berwyn, Pa.

Dec. 21.—At New York, Miss M. E. Rogers, from Fatehgarh, India. Address, 216 West 141st St., New York.

DEPARTURES:

Dec. 30.—From San Francisco, Rev. J. C. Garritt and family returning to Central China.

MARRIAGE:

Oct. 3, 1905.—At Resht, Persia, by Rev. H. C. Schuler, Miss Myrtle Blanche Campbell to Rev. Norman L. Euwer of Hamadan.

Dec. 5.—At Hong Kong, Miss Margaret Alexandra McGilvary of Chieng Mai to Rev. Roderick MacLeod Gillies of Lakawn, Laos.

DEATH:

Jan. 4, 1906.—At Seoul, Korea, Elizabeth Campbell, wife of Rev. Alex. A. Pieters.

NOTES FROM HEADQUARTERS.

The following helps are permanent and may be obtained from all Women's Boards:

On all the Missions:—

Historical Sketch..... 10 cts.
Question Book..... 5 cts.
Schools and Colleges. each, 2 cts.; set, 10 cts.
Hospital Work..... each, 1 ct.; set, 5 cts.
Home Life..... 2 cts.
Illustrated Programmes.....per doz. 5 cts.
Hero Series..... 2 cts.
The Year Book of Prayer, 1906..... 10 cts.
A Visit to the West Africa Mission.... 10 cts.

For Mission Study Classes:—

Via Christi, Introduction to Missions,
Lux Christi, India,
Rex Christus, China,
Dux Christus, Japan,
Christus Liberator, Africa, for 1906,
Each, cloth, 50 cts.; paper, 30 cts.

Helps for Study of Africa text-book:—

Outlines of Lectures (Northfield).... 10 cts.
Pictures (set of 24), postpaid..... 25 cts.
Map, in colors, 18x21 in., postpaid.. 15 cts.
Map, Outline, (to be filled in by individuals) per dozen only..... 15 cts.

For Children: *China for Juniors*..... 10 cts.
Japan for Juniors..... 20 cts.
Africa for Juniors. Cloth, 35 cts.; paper, 25 cts.; postage extra.

From Philadelphia.

Send all letters to 501 Witherspoon Building. Directors' meeting first Tuesday of month at 10.30 o'clock. Prayer-meeting the third Tuesday at 11 o'clock. Visitors welcome at both meetings.

February. Topics for prayer: *Our Treasury. China.*

PRAYER-MEETING, February 20, in the new Westminster Hall, will be led by Mrs. Weitzel and Mrs. Newkirk.

IT was with great pleasure that we welcomed to our December directors' meeting our dear Mrs. Chalfant, who brought us cheerful tidings from our Chinese girls and women.

WE have sent from our office samples of the dainty little calendar of WOMAN'S WORK to all our presbyterial literature secretaries and hope they will send to us for as many copies as they can profitably use.

THE Publication Committee will be pleased to receive and examine, with reference to publication, papers which have been received with favor in presbyterial and auxiliary meetings. Presbyterial presidents by bearing this matter in constant remembrance can be of great service to the Publication Committee.

THE thirty-sixth annual assembly of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will be held in the Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, Pa., April 25, 26, preceded by a devotional service on Tuesday evening, the 24th. Full information will be given in March WOMAN'S WORK.

NEW LEAFLETS: *Child Life in China.* 2 cts.; *Our Feast of Praise*, by Mrs. Drury of Dayton Presbyterial Society. *The African Drum*, by Dr. Halsey, is reprinted from *Over Sea and Land* and will be heartily welcomed among the children.

LEAFLETS: *China in Outline*, 15 cts.; *Ancestor Worship in China, Confucius and His Teachings, Mind of Chinese Women*. each 1 ct.; *Ling Te's Letter, Old Nini*, and *Chuang-erh of Peking*, each 3 cts.; *Ten Little Yellow Captives, Little Blind Neighbor*, and *Two Object Lessons in Chinese and Laos Christianity*, each 2 cts.

From Chicago.

Meetings at Room 48, Le Moyne Block, 40 E. Randolph Street, every Friday at 10 A. M. Visitors welcome.

THE close of our fiscal year is drawing near, April 20. Do not delay in making your last quarterly remittances. Send what you have on hand. Later offerings may be sent in, as they are received, up to the last day of our year. There has never been a year when a dollar invested in Foreign Missions brought in better returns. Secure every dollar possible.

THE Twenty fifth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest will be held in the First Church, Evanston, Ill., April 25, 26. Plan *now* who shall go as delegates, who can receive and impart the most good.

BLANKS for Annual Reports will be sent to the presbyterial secretaries this month. *It would be a very great help if the secretaries would, on these blanks, arrange the names of the societies alphabetically.* Some do, but many do not.

PERHAPS some of our presbyterial officers do not subscribe for WOMAN'S WORK, and do not therefore see these requests. How can an officer do efficient work and *not* have this magazine? Will not members urge this upon their officers?

WE hope presbyterial secretaries of literature will send for and distribute the new little WOMAN'S WORK calendar, samples having been sent to each of these officers.

LEAFLETS for February: *Ancestor Worship*, 1 ct.; *Child Life in China, Two Object Lessons in Chinese and Laos Christianity, Ten Little*

Yellow Captives, each 2 cts.; *My Little Blind Neighbor, Old Nina and Other True Stories, The Story of Garden Flower*, each 3 cts.

PLEASE take notice, all who send money to Room 48, that because of a new ruling of the Clearing House, requiring exchange on checks of banks in other places, checks must be on Chicago banks. All checks and money orders, whether gifts or for literature or other payments, should be payable to Mrs. Thomas E. D. Bradley, Treasurer, with care not to omit the word "Treasurer."

From New York.

Prayer-meeting at 156 Fifth Ave., cor. 20th St., the first Wednesday of each month, at 10.30 A. M. Each other Wednesday there is a half-hour meeting for prayer and reading of missionary letters, commencing at same hour.

SOMETHING new—*How to Do It; Suggestions for Missionary Work with Children and Young People.* The opening article is the "Leader's Normal Class," by Dr. T. H. P. Sailer. Other articles are "The Value of the Mission Band," "Boys' Bands," and the "Babies' Department, or the Little Light Bearers." Several pages are given to a summary of answers received from a large number of leaders in regard to the grading of societies and the best methods of work. Price, 5 cts.

LEAFLETS on China: *China in Outline*, 10 cts.; *Foot-binding in China, Ancestor Worship, The Chinese Kitchen God, How the Chinese Children Learn to Worship Idols*, each 1 ct.; *Ling Te's Letter*, 3 cts.

New leaflets: *That Annual Report, Child Life in China*, each 2 cts.; 20 cts. per doz.

From Northern New York.

ONLY two months remain before our year's work will end, as the Treasurer's books close April 1. It seems a very short time since we were being helped and stimulated to better and more efficient work at our Annual Meeting in Albany. Now as the year is ending, what are the results? Will your society show a gain in membership, in increased contributions, in an enlarged subscription list to the magazines—WOMAN'S WORK and *Over Sea and Land?* Have you formed a mission study class? Have you daily used the *Year Book of Prayer?* All these points, you will remember, were emphasized at Albany and again at Hoosick Falls. As the stream cannot rise higher than its source, when we meet the coming April, if the Reports show we have made no advance, it will be because one or more societies have been content to stand still. Where there is life there is growth, and in the Lord's work there should be no standing still.

You are again reminded that this year the Board of Foreign Missions expects an increase of ten per cent. from all the Women's Boards and societies. This means that unless each auxiliary brings its contributions up ten per cent., our Northern New York Society must disappoint the Board's expectations. Let each one of us feel our own personal responsibility in this matter and use our influence to come up to the standard which has been set for us. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse."

NOTICES in regard to the blanks and Annual Meeting will be given in March WOMAN'S WORK.

From St. Louis.

Meetings the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10 A. M., at Room 21, 1516 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo. Missionary literature for sale at the above number. Visitors always cordially welcome.

THE month of December was truly a "feast of fat things" with us at Room 21. Not the least of our blessings was the presence of Dr. Fleming of our hospital in Ichowfu, China, and how we did enjoy her! Then the letters from Miss Carrie Clark, and Miss Gibbons, and Miss Schoenhair,—how good they were, how uplifting and encouraging! Miss Clark told us of the revival in Woodstock School, of the earnestness of those seeking light, and of the depth of their conviction of sin. Our fervent prayers went up for those who had turned to the Lord, that their souls may be kept in the hollow of His hand. We enter the new year with high hopes from the field.

WORK for Special Objects has almost all been assigned and we hope to hear that pledges will all be kept. Mrs. Weyer's work might be made much easier if societies would only be more prompt in notifying her of their intentions in the matter of Special Objects.

MANY of those present at our Annual Meeting at Muskogee will remember the luncheon in the garden of Miss Alice Robertson's home and her dear old mother who sat and received her guests with such dignity and kindliness. Mrs. Robertson passed to her heavenly mansion Nov. 19, 1905. Her work of translating the English language into the Creek is one of the greatest ever done by a woman. Not only did she translate the Bible but also hymns and tracts into the Creek tongue, a work so unusual in its scope and scholarliness that she was made Doctor of Philosophy by the trustees of Wooster University. Mrs. Robertson was also the mother of our dear Mrs. N. B. Moore, president of Sequoyah Presbyterial Society.

THE sad news was sent to us of the death of one of our pioneer workers in Kansas, Mrs. Mary Brice Cleland of Topeka. She came to Kansas in 1855 and for fifty years was identified with all that was best in the religious life of the place where she lived. She was a charter member and for many years president of her church society, a charter member also of Topeka Presbyterial Society and vice-president of Kansas Synodical Society. Who shall calculate the influence of such a life or adequately estimate its beauty in God's sight?

From San Francisco.

Public meeting first Monday of each month at 10.30 A. M. and 1.15 P. M. at 920 Sacramento St. All are invited. Executive Committee, third Monday.

ALONG with Eastern Boards, the Occidental Board feels keenly the loss by death of one of its members, Miss Helen Peabody. She had chosen Southern California as the place in which to pass the last years of her useful life. The Woman's Missionary Society of Pasadena held a memorial service and a minute was passed and forwarded to the officers in San Francisco. Miss Peabody possessed a well-rounded character. Her record tells of many whom she influenced to go to the foreign field

as missionaries, and equally of her loyalty to every phase of Christian duty.

OUR Christmas festivities on the part of the Chinese have been most pleasant and enthusiastic. Their church, as usual, was full to overflowing, the exercises very interesting, and we hope that love and fidelity to the teachings of Christ have been deepened, and that many new converts to the Christian religion may be the result of this joyous celebration. A family tree at the Mission Home was greatly enjoyed by the inmates.

REV. AND MRS. W. H. LUCE and three lovely children, from China, have passed a few days in San Francisco. Our interest in the Shantung Protestant University has been intensified, as we have listened to Mr. Luce's talks about its usefulness. It is a power now, and will be greater still when plans for the future are perfected. We could wish that millions of money might be furnished, that Christian scholars might be sent out through all the Empire to teach the Chinese people and lift them out from heathenism. We pity those deluded men in Lienchow whose superstitions led them to murder their best friends.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church from Dec. 1, 1905.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.] * Thank Offering.

BLAIRSVILLE.—Beulah, 16; Blairsville, 6.25; Braddock, 1st, 25.22, Y.L. Circle, 6.16, C.E., 17.50; Calvary, 9, C.E., 15; Conemaugh, 5; Derry, 12; Greensburg, 1st, 50; Irwin, 13.68; Johnstown, 1st, I-will-try Bd., 6; Laurel Ave., 20.11; Latrobe, C.E., 3; Ligonier, 6.50; Livermore, 1.50; Parnassus, 17.14; Poke Run, 12.50, Silver Links, 7.23; Wilmerding, C. E., 10; Windber, 5, $264.79

FRENCH BROAD.—Burnsville, 6.50; Bethaven, 7.26; Couper Mem'l, Willing Workers, 6; Dorland Mem'l, 5; Jupiter, 3, Laura Sunderland C.E., 20; Mark Lance Mem'l, 3.80; Oakland Heights, 22; Asheville Farm School, 2, 75.56

HOLSTON.—Mt. Bethel, C.E., 6.35

MAHONING.—Columbiana, C.E., 3.35; Niles, 3.50, 6.85

MORRIS AND ORANGE.—Orange, Central, A Gentleman, 1,000.00

NORTHUMBERLAND.—Beech Creek, 10; Berwick, 6; Buffalo, C.E., 10; Danville, Grove, 12.15; Mahoning, 18.65; Lewisburg, Willing Workers, 13; Lock Haven, 52.35, Y.W., 110, L.L.B., 15; Milton, 34, Y.W., 6, James C. Watson Bd., 13; Muncy, 4.50; Renovo, 6; Sunbury, 20, A Lady, 5; Washington, 12; Washingtonville, 5.50; Watsontown, 16; Williamsport, 1st, 51.50; 3d, 29.65; Covenant, 90, Y.L., 25, 565.30

PARKERSBURG.—Parkersburg, 1st, 27.50; Ravenswood, 3.60; Sistersville, 1st, 68, Girls' Miss. Club, 10, C.E. Jr., 15; Spencer, 6, 130.10

PHILADELPHIA.—Olivet, C.E., 25.00

SHENANGO.—Beaver Falls, 10; Centre, 7; Harlansburg, 11; Neshannock, 27; New Brighton, *38.50; New Castle, 1st, 23.05, Fiske Sem. Circle, 15; Central, 9.52; Rich Hill, 17.50; Sharon, 25; Westfield, 60.30, C.E., 50, 293.87

UNION.—Fort Sanders, 4; Hopewell, 5; Knoxville, 2d, 48.75, Y.L.S., 74 cts.; 4th, *39.35; 5th, 6.50; Mt. Zion, 1; New Market, 1.25, C.E., 6; New Providence, 13.55; Rockford, 1.25; St. Paul, 2, Bd., 25 cts.; Shannondale, 7.50, Bd., 50 cts.; South Knoxville, *21.12; Spring Place, 2.75; Westminster, 2; Union Meeting, 15, 178.51

WESTMINSTER.—Lancaster, Bethany, C.E., 30.00

MISCELLANEOUS.—Int., 197.20; Miscel., 253, 450.20

Total for December, 1905,	$3,026.53
Total since May 1, 1905,	40,408.88

(MISS) SARAH W. CATTELL, *Treas.*,
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Dec. 30, 1905.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest for the month ending December 20, 1905.

ABERDEEN.—Aberdeen, 14.50; Britton, 19.80, C.E., 10; Castlewood, 2; Eureka, 6.90, Jr. C.E., 3; Groton, 30; Palmer, Holland, C.E., 5; Pierpont, 4; Roscoe, 1.10; Sisseton, 5, $101.30

ADAMS.—C. E. Union, 60.00

BLACK HILLS.—Hot Springs, C.E., 10.00

BLOOMINGTON,—Champaign, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Gunn, 12.50

CAIRO.—Cairo, Anon., 10.00

CENTRAL DAKOTA.—Brookings, 9.60; Huron, 15, C.E., 14; Madison, 35, 73.60

CHICAGO.—Chicago, Campbell Pk., C.E., 20; Central Pk., 18; Covenant, 14, C.E., 8; 1st, 250, C.E., 10; 2d, 86.75; 3d, 100; Foster Mission, C.E., 4; 4th, 118.78; 6th, C.E., 10; 7th, 7; 8th, 19; Edgewater, 8; Endeavor, C.E., 5; Englewood, 1st, 12.50, C.E., 25; 41st St., 15.50; Hyde Pk., Busy Bees, 12.50, Y.P., 100; Olivet Mem'l, 10, Y.W., 5; Ravenswood, 18; Woodlawn, 26.25; Chicago Heights, C.E., 5; Evanston, 2d, 9.06; Highland Pk., 27.10; Kankakee, 4.10; Lake Forest, 106, Steady Streams, 13.42; Oak Pk., 1st, 62; 2d, 14; River Forest, 5.50, Pr. Off., 12.50; Wilmington, Mrs. A. J. White, 50, 1,211.96

COUNCIL BLUFFS.—Atlantic, 5.20; Audubon, 16; Casey, 7; Council Bluffs, 1st, 75; 2d, 4.32; Griswold, 2.80; Bethel, 12.04; Guthrie Center, 4.85; Hamlin, 2.44; Logan, 2.44, Th. Off., 7; Menlo, 7.75; Shelby, 2.90; Woodbine, 2.90, 152.64

CRAWFORDSVILLE.—Attica, 16; Bethel, 8; Beulah, 16; Clinton, 22.50; Crawfordsville, Center, 20; 1st, 15, Y.L., 5; Darlington, 4; Delphi, 137; Frankfort, 12.98, Sunbeam, 10; Fowler, 2.65, Kirklin, 4; Lafayette, 1st, 27.50; 2d, 35; Ladoga, 10, C.E., 5; Lexington, South, 3.23; Newtown, 5 25; Oxford, 5; Rockville, 12, C.E., 2.50; Rossville, 15.37; Russellville, 5.75; Thorntown, 35; Waveland, 18.75; Williamsport, 7; County Associations, Benton, 6.66; Clinton, 7.59; Fountain, 6; Montgomery, 3.03; Parke, 10.90; Warren, 7.04, 501.70

DETROIT.—Ann Arbor, 50; Detroit, Bethany, C.E., 10; Central, 25, C.E., 10; Covenant, 10; 1st, 179; Forest, 24, Westm'r League, 13.80; Immanuel, 18.08, C.E., 15; Jefferson Ave., 137.50, Miss C. V. Marshall, 40, C.E., 20; Mem'l, 15, C.E., 3.50, Y.W., 20; 2d, 16; Scovel Mem'l, 25, C.E., 10.70; Trumbull Ave., 37; Westm'r, 70, Mrs. Tracy McGregor, 750, E. S. G. A., 12.50; East Nankin, C.E., 3; Highland Pk., 13; Holly, 10, C.E., 1.35; Howell, 20; Milford, 48.57, C.E., 10; Mt. Clemens, 10; Northville, 14, S.D. Circle, 4; Pontiac, Y.W.S., 25.25; Saline, C.E., 3.96; S. Lyon, 40; Wyandotte, C.E., 6.70; Ypsilanti, 74, 1,795.91

DULUTH.—Brnno, 5; Carlton, McNair Mem'l, 5; Dnlnth, 1st, 10; Glen Avon, 27.47; Lakeside, Irwin, 6.76, C.E., 10.65; Westm'r, 4; H. E. H., 20.45; Eveleth, 5; Mora, 2.50; New Duluth, 5; Sandstone, 3; Scanlon, 5; Two Harbors, 7.80; Willow River, 5, 122.63

FREEPORT.—Argyle, 112.40; Belvidere, 59.25; Byron, Middle Creek, 9.57; Freeport, 1st, 20; Galena, 1st, C.E., 4.50; South, 4.50; Oregon, 11.56; Polo, 10.81; Ridgefield, C.E., 50 cts.; Rockford, Westm'r, 11; Warren, 5, 249.09

GRAND RAPIDS.—Big Rapids, 2.50; Evart, 5.50; Grand Rapids, 1st, 11, Y.L., 1; Immanuel, 6, C.E., 3; Westm'r, 65, C.E., 27.37; 2d, 5, C.E., 2, Jr. C.E., 2; Hesperia, 2; Ionia, 4; Ludington, 8; Spring Lake, 2.50; Tustin, Y.W., 65 cts., 147.52

GREAT FALLS.—Great Falls, 4.50; Kalispell, 10; Lewistown, 10.50, 25.00

INDIANAPOLIS.—Bloomington, 6.58, Bd., 43 cts.; Franklin, 37.50; Greenwood, 9; Indianapolis, 1st, 158.07; 2d, 100, Y.L., 90, Sara Mayo Bd., 7 cts.; 4th, 12.50; 6th, 13; 7th, Jr. C.E., 5; Home, C.E., 1; Mem'l, 65, Jr. Partners, 15, King's Daughters, 7.50; Tabernacle, 65.76; E. Washington St., 17, C.E., 5, Jr. C.E., 2.50; W. Washington St., 4; Southport, 12, 626.91

KEARNEY.—Central City, 16.78, C.E., 10; Fullerton, 14.58, C.E., 7, Jr. C.E., 4; Gibbon, 11, C.E., 5.50; Grand Island, 22, King's Daughters, 5; Kearney, 16; Lexington, 3.10, C.E., 3; Litchfield, 2.21; N. Platte, 18, C.E., 14, Jr. C.E., 3; Ord, 4.50, C.E., 4.50; St. Paul, 4.50; Shelton, 3; Wilson Mem'l, C.E., 1, 172.67

LA CROSSE.—La Crosse, Social Union, 10.00

LANSING.—Albion, 13; Battle Creek, 6.25; Brooklyn, 13; Concord, 8, C.E., 3; Jackson, 21.83, C.E., 6; Lansing, 1st, 24.53; Franklin St., 16.50, Bd., 4.89; Mason, 11.50, C.E., 5; Marshall, 7.86, 141.36

MANKATO.—Alpha, 3, C.E., 2; Delhi, 26.50, C.E., 10; Le Sueur, 12; Pilot Grove, 8; Pipestone, 16.64; Slayton, 5; Rushmore, 10; Winnebago, City, 11.60; Worthington, C.E., 7.06, 111.80

MATTOON.—Arcola, 9.73; Ashmore, 6; Assumption, 4, Mr. P. B. Kemmerer, 300; Charleston, 24.60; Effingham, 6; Kansas, 25, C.E., 6; Mattoon, 39.75; Neoga, 15; Palestine, 20; Pana, 15, Mrs. Anna Puterbaugh, 15; Paris, 26, Th. Off., 50; Shelbyville, 29; Taylorville, 21; Tower Hill, 2.50; Tuscola, 11; Vandalia, 12, 637.58

MILWAUKEE.—Cedar Grove, Bethesda Sew. Cir., 20; Manitowoc, 12; Milwaukee, Bethany, C.E., 5, Jr. C.E., 2; Calvary, 14.25; Grace, 3.57; Immanuel, C.E., 10; Ottawa, 1;

Racine, 30, C.E., 10, Y.L., 3.45; Somers, 4; Waukesha, 11, 126.27

OMAHA.—Bohemian, C.E., 90 cts.; Bohemian, C.E., 1.35; Bellevue, 10.70, C.E., 5; Blackbird Hills, 4, C.E., 60 cts.; Colon, 7.20; Craig, 10.84; Creston, 2; Lyons, 2.90; Marietta, 7.96; Omaha, Castellar St., 5.40; Clifton Hill, 2.40; 1st, 59.62, C.E., 11, Indiv. Giv., 30.75; 1st German, 2; Knox, 22.12; Lowe Ave., 26.80; 2d, 16.28, C.E., 15; 3d, 2; Dundee, 2.80, C.E., 2.50; Westm'r, 32.84, C.E., 12, Y.W., 1.80; Monroe, 7.30; Silver Creek, 1.50; South Omaha, 13.20, C.E., 2; Tekamah, 4.80; Waterloo, 2.06, C.E., 2, 331.62

OTTAWA.—Aurora, 8; Earlville, 1.70; Elgin, 3.25; Mendota, 40.30; Sandwich, 60; Streator, 50, 163.25

PEMBINA.—Bathgate, 5; Cavalier, 19.20; Drayton, 5; Minto, 7.65; Neche, Mrs. J. E. Lee, 3; Park River, 2.50; Rnshford, 7; Tyner, 20, 69.35

PEORIA.—Astoria, 1; Canton, 40; Delavan, 13; Dunlap, Prospect, 5; Elmwood, 8; Farmington, 19; Galesburg, 50; Green Valley, 27; Henry, 8, Ladies' Aid Soc., 5; Ipava, 6, C.E., 10; Knoxville, 19, C.E., 2. Bd., 11; Lewistown, 26; Peoria, 1st, 45, C.E., 6, E. R. Edwards Bd., 5, Little Lights, 2; 2d, 20; Arcadia Ave., 10; Grace, 110; Westm'r, 4; Princeville, 7; Toulon, Elmira, 22, C.E., 6; Washington, 8, Bd., 1; Yates City, 35, 531.00

PUEBLO.—Alamosa, 5; Canon City, 46; Colorado Springs, 1st, 100; 2d, 8; Las Animas, 6.15; Lamar, 6; La Junta, 5; Monte Vista, 12; Pueblo, 1st, 17, Helpers, 3; Mesa, Workers, 2; Rocky Ford, 5; Victor, 18; Walsenburg, 5, 238.15

ROCK RIVER.—Albany, 9; Aledo, 14, C.E., 30; Alexis, 2.50; Arlington, 1.25; Ashton, 6.50; Center, 8; Dixon, 11.50; Garden Plain, 8.23, Jr. C.E., 23; Hamlet and Perryton, 22.50; Milan, 8; Millersburg, 2.80; Newton, 8, Earnest Workers, 48; Norwood, 25.90; Peniel, 14.50; Princeton, 25.65, C.E., 25; Rock Island, Broadway, 10, Ruth's Bd., 8; Central, 4; Viola, 2.20, 318.53

SAGINAW.—Alma, 12.50; Bay City, 1st, 18.31; Mem'l, 2.50; Ithaca, 9.70; Saginaw, Warren Ave., 14.55; W. Bay City, Westm'r, 25, 82.56

ST. PAUL.—Hastings, 8; Red Wing, C.E., 4; St. Paul, Central, 26.56; Dayton Ave., 79.75; Carroll St. Chapel, 1; House of Hope, 49.80; Merriam Pk., Van Cleve Soc., 15.75, C.E., 2 50; Stillwater, 18.75; White Bear, 11, 217.11

SCHUYLER.—Elvaston, 16; Hamilton, Bethel, 5; Macomb, 45; Monmouth, 15.10; Perry, 5; Rushville, 10, C.E., 14; Wythe, 28, C.E., 15, 153.10

SOUTHERN DAKOTA.—Alexandria, C.E., 5; Bridgewater, 10, C.E., 5; Canistota, 17, C.E., 4, Bd., 2.50; Dell Rapids, 1.50; Eagle, C.E., 3.50; Kimball, C.E., 7; Mitchell, 16.25, C.E., 1.95; Platte, 3, C.E., 4; Parker, 18.50, C.E., 2.55, Bd., 1; Scotland, 7, C.E., 9. 118.75

SPRINGFIELD.—Pawnee, C.E., 7.00

WATERLOO.—Ackley, 5; Cedar Falls, 18; Greene, 3.75; State Center, 20; Toledo, Salem, 24.25, 71.00

WHITEWATER.—Aurora, C.E., 63 cts.; Clarksburg, 4.50; College Corner, 12, C.E., 5.80, Jr. C.E., 7.40; Connersville, 7.50, C.E., 5; Drewersburg, C.E., 3.75; Greensburg, 82, C.E., 1.75; Harmony, 2.50; Kingston, 10.50; Knightstown, 4.55, C.E., 2; Lawrenceburg, 8; Liberty, 4; Mt. Carmel, 7, C.E., 2.40; New Castle, 7.50; Providence, 10; Richmond, 1st, 26, C.E., 6; 2d, 6; Rushville, 10; Shelbyville, 12.50, E. Van Pelt Bd., 2.50. 251.78

WINNEBAGO.—Appleton, 30; Fond du Lac, 5; Marinette, 5; Neenah, 45; Oconto, 22, C.E., 35; Omro, 2. C.E., 3.50; Oshkosh, 30; Stevens Point, 15; Shawano, 5; Wausau, 15, 212.50

MISCELLANEOUS.—Olympia, Wash., Anon., 3.00

Total receipts for month,	$9.069.14
Total receipts since April 20,	36,246.36

MRS. THOMAS E. D. BRADLEY, *Treas.*,
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Receipts of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church for December, 1905.

* Indicates Praise Offering † Indicates Christmas Offering.

BINGHAMTON.—Binghamton, 1st, 87.50, Jr. C.E., 5; North, 87 cts.; Ross Mem'l, C.E., 2.10; Cortland, †55; Conklin, C.E., 5; Deposit, 3.30; Marathon, C.E., 5; Nineveh, C.E., 10, $173.77

BOSTON, MASS.—Antrim, N. H., C.E., 10; Boston, 1st, 49.40, Paul Hershey Bd., 7; St. Andrews, Y.M.S., 5; East Boston, Jr. C.E., 10; Roxbnry, 14.50, C.E., 25; South Boston, 5; Brookline, C.E., 20; Houlton, Me., Jr. C.E., 2.50; Lowell, 25; Lawrence, German, C.E., 12; Newburyport, 1st, 25; Newport, R. I., 7.50; Quincy, 23; South Ryegate, Vt., 5, 245.90

BROOKLYN.—Brooklyn, Ainslie St., C.E., 60; Bethany, 11.22; Bushwick Ave., German, C.E., 12.50; 1st, 103; Grace, 25, Jr. Bd., 15; Greene Ave., C.E., 16; Lafayette Ave., 43.85; Mem'l, 20.57; Ross St., 9.45, C.E., 50; South 3d St., 13.60; Westm'r, 6.09; Presbyterial Soc., *2.42, 388.70

BUFFALO.—Buffalo, Calvary, 50; Ch. of the Covenant, 10; Faxon Ave., C.E., 1; Sonth, 1; Westm'r, 25; Jamestown, 2; Lancaster, 5; Sherman, 25; Silver Creek, C.E., 10, 129.00

CAYUGA.—Auburn, Central, 80; 1st, Girls' Soc., 6; Cato, 2; Fair Haven, 8; Ithaca, 62.05; Sennett, 5, 163.05

GENESEE.—Attica, 25.33; Batavia, 50, *59, Inter. C.E., 15; Bergen, 11; Castile, 5.46; East Pembroke, 5; Le Roy, 12; Oakfield, 8; Perry, 35; Stone Church, May Blossoms, 13; Warsaw, *23, Y.W.S., 25; Wyoming, 4, 290.79

GENEVA.—Canandaigna, 16.60; Geneva, 1st, 6.25; North, *add'l, 2.50, Y.L.S., 12.50; Seneca Falls, 18.20; Stanley, C.E., 6, 62.05

LONG ISLAND.—Amagansett, 16.25; Centre Moriches, 15.60; Cutchogue, 2; East Hampton, 2; East Moriches, 19.20, C.E., 5; Mattitnck, 10; Middletown Ch., 31.67; Southampton, 33; South Haven, 4.50, 139.22

LYONS.—Jnnius, C.E., 2.25; Lyons, 28.75; Newark, 24.88, 55.88

MORRIS AND ORANGE, N. J.—Morristown, South St., 156.25

NASSAU.—Elmhurst, Newton Ch., 25, Y.L.S., 4; Glen Cove, Glenwood and Oyster Bay, Group Meeting, 3 30; Hempstead, Y.L.S., 3.36; Hnntington, Central, 4.81; Islip, 6.25; Jamaica, *add l, 4.25; Smithtown Branch, 40, *15; Springland, Springfield Ch., 4.50, 110.47

NEW YORK.—New York, Brick, 1,175, Y.W.S., 165; Central, *81.38, C.E., 150; Mizpah Chapel, 12.50; Ch. of the Covenant, Willing Workers, 5; John Huss C.E., 1.27; 1st, 4; 4th Ave., C.E., 85.40; Lenox, 25; Madison Ave., *29.50; Madison Sq., *special*, 100; Rutgers, Y.W.S., 57; Scotch, 16; West End, C.E., 100, Jr. C.E., 27; Olivet, 85; West New Brighton, S. I., Calvary, 31.85, 2,150.95

NIAGARA.—Carlton, 2; Knowlesville, 20; Lewiston, 6; Lockport, 1st, 40, C.E., 10; Medina, 46; Niagara Falls, Pierce Ave., Girls' Bd., 12, 136.00

NORTH RIVER.—Cornwall-on-Hudson, 13; Highland, 6.60; Little Britain, 14.75; Marlboro, 10, C.E., 5; Milton, 7.25; Newburgh, 1st, C.E., 25; Pleasant Plains, 10.20; Poughkeepsie, 90, C.E., 15; Rondout, 50, 246 80

OTSEGO.—Cherry Valley, C.E., 6; East Guilford, C.E., 6.50; Hobart, 10, C.E., 5; Richfield Springs, 2.10, 29.60

ROCHESTER.—Avon, Central, Missionary Helpers, 15; East, 10; Lima, 9; Mendon, 5; Rochester, Brick, 100; Emmanuel, C.E., 2; Mt. Hor, Y.L. Circle, 6; Sparta, 1st, 22; 2d, 4.78, 173 78

ST. LAWRENCE.—Gouverneur, 63 90; Morristown, 1; Oswegatchie, 2d, 1; Theresa, Jr. C.E., 5; Waddington, 1st, 7.50; Watertown, 1st, 35; Hope, C.E., 7.64; Stone St., 20, 141.04

STEUBEN.—Bath, 32.25; Campbell, 1.25; Cohocton, 5; Corning, 14.50; Hammondsport, 4; Hornellsville, 1st, 64.05, 121.05

SYRACUSE.—Amboy, 5; Baldwinsville, C.E., 5; Canastota, 40; East Syracuse, 5; Mexico, 8.89; Syracuse, 4th, 40; Westminster, 17, 120.89

UTICA.—Boonville, *11.70; Clinton, *35.93; Ilion, *19; Knoxboro, *7; Little Falls, *30.75; New Hartford, *9; New York Mills, *38.12, Cheerful Givers, *2.05; Oneida, *45; Oneida Castle, *8; Oriskany, *5.50; Rome, *25; Sauquoit, *17.50; Utica, Bethany, *35; 1st, *63; Mem'l, *36.30; Olivet, *7.25, Y.W.S., *5.50, Miss. Circle, *5; Westm'r, *52, Fisher Bd., *12; Verona, *34; Waterville, *16; Westernville, *12, 532.60

WESTCHESTER.—Bedford, C.E., 20; Bridgeport, Ct., 1; Dobbs Ferry, 5; Hartford, Ct., 1.30; Irvington, 25; Mt. Kisco, 9.50; Mt. Vernon, 51.30; New Haven, Ct., C.E., 10; New Rochelle, 1st, 31.63; Ossining, 15; Peekskill, 1st and 2d, 50; 1st, Jr. C.E. Bd., 4.24; 2d, Jr. C.E., 5; Rye, 85.81; White Plains, 22, C.E., 6; Yonkers, 1st, 60, 402.78

MISCELLANEOUS.—Coll. at Prayer-meeting, *special*, 42.59; Greensburg, Pa., 5; Interest on Riesch Fund, 50; Interest on Wheeler Fund, 100. Mrs. James Pardee, 3; Warwick, N. Y., Miss C. Pierson, 48, 248.59

Total,	$6.219.16
Total for the year,	39,818.14

HENRIETTA W. HUBBARD, *Treas.*,
156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Southwest for the Month Ending December 24, 1905.

AUSTIN.—El Paso, 2.50; San Antonio, Madison Sq., 1.50; Taylor, 5.20, $9.20

EMPORIA.—Bnrlingame, 5; Council Grove, 3; De Graff, 4; Derby, 5; El Dorado, 4.20; Emporia, 7; Genda Springs, 11; Indianola, 5; Mnlvane, 3.55; Newton, 29; Osage City, 7.45; Wichita, 1st, 236, Y.P.M.L., 250, C.E., No. 1, 20; Lincoln St., 6.50; Oak St., 6; West Side, 12.50, C.E., No. 1, 5, No. 2, 3.75; Winfield, 11, 634.95

HANNIBAL.—Brookfield, 4.80; Hannibal, 16.05; Kirksville, 1.50, C.E., 10; Macon, 1.20; Marceline, 3.65; Moberly, 18; New Cambria, 3.01; New Providence, 10.10; Pleasant Prairie, C.E., 5, 73.31

HIGHLAND.—Atchison, 10; Bern, 20, C.E., 5; Effingham, 2.80; Hiawatha, 8.45; Highland, 11; Holton, 28.70; Horton, 18; Irving, 13, C.E., 6.50; Washington, 4, 127.45

RIO GRANDE.—Deming, 7.50

ST. LOUIS.—Bethlehem, 5; De Soto, 7.79; Ferguson, 7.50; Jennings, 2; Kirkwood, 9.10, Y.L.S., 25; Pacific, Ranken Bd., 1; St. Charles, 4.50, C.E., 1; Sulphur Springs, 4.55, Birthday Off., 3.70; Union, 2.50; Washington, 3, C.E., 2.50; Webster Groves, 30, C.E., 8; St. Louis, Carondelet, 10.75, C.E., 1; Clifton Heights, 7; Cote Brilliante, 4, C.E., 3.78; Covenant, 4, C.E., 2.50; 1st Ch., 100, Y.L.S., 30, C.E., 15, Girls' Club, 2; 1st German, 10; Forest Park Univ., Y.L.S., 87.48; Grace, 4.25, C.E., 3.85; Lafayette Park, 24, C.E., 5; Markham Mem'l, 6, Monday Night Club, 13, C.E., 12.50; North, 7; North Cabanne, 1; Pope Ave., C.E., 1.25; 2d Ch., 30, Y.L.S., 25, C.E., 12.50; 2d German, 3; Tyler Pl., 5, C.E., 5; Wash. and Comp., 125, Y.L.S., 45, C.E., 125; West Ch., 50, Y.L.S., 100; Winnebago, 3.50, C.E., 6, Jr. C.E., 2; E. W. M., 50, 1,059.50

SEQUOYAH.—Eufaula, 1.80; Ft. Gibson, 5, Girls' Band, 1.25, Boys' Band, 2.50; Muskogee, 75; Tulsa, 3.49; Wagoner, 1.50; Vinita, 3.11, 93.65

KANSAS CITY.—Appleton City, 10.06; Butler, 10; Centerview, 1.25; Greenwood, 5; Holden, 3.95; Independence, 10, Children's Bd., 25; Kansas City, Benton Blvd., 2.50; 1st Ch., 15; 2d, 96.49; 3d, 28; 4th, 5; 5th, 5.78, Y.P.S., 15; Linwood, 5.50; Lowry City, 4.03; Nevada, 1.25; Osceola, 4.15; Raymore, 12.69, C.E., 1.83, Jr. C.E., 69 cts.; Rich Hill, 2.50; Sedalia, Broadway, 7.40; Central, 7.50, C.E., 5; Vista, 3.60; Warrensburg, 6, 295.17

LARNED.—Ashland, Rev. C. P. Graham, 5, Jr. C.E., 4.65; Burrton, 3; Emerson, 2.35; Garden City, 3.60, Y.L.S., 12.50; Great Bend, 4.50, C.E., 2.50; Halstead, 9.75; Hutchinson, 23.50, Eurekas, 7.50; Lakin, 50 cts.; Larned, 6, Bd. of Workers, 4, Willing Workers, 5; Lyons, 9.50, C.E., 3, Jr. C.E., 1; McPherson, 16.14; Nashville, C.E., 1.83; Ness City, 3; Pratt, C.E., 2.75; Roxbury, 10.25; Spearville, 2.50; Sterling, 3.05; Syracuse, 2, 149.37

NEOSHO.—Bartlett, 4; Chanute, C.E., 8.75; Cherokee, C. E., 5; Cherryvale, 3, C.E., 6.25; Chetopa, 6; Coffeyville, 6.35, C.E., 2.50; Columbus, C.E., 10; Ft. Scott, 19, C.E., 10; Garnett, 3, C.E., 3.55; Humboldt, 12.30; Iola, 17, C.E., 100; Independence, 17.25; La Harpe, 1.83, C.E., 1.50; Moran, 1.45; Neodesba, 4; Ottawa, 11, C.E., 12.03; Osawatomie, 20; Oswego, 3.05; Paola, 15, C.E., 3, Band, 75 cts.; Parsons, 8.75, C.E., 2.50; Princeton, 5.50; Waverly, 12; Yates Center, 2.50, 338.81

NORTH TEXAS.—Denison, 1st, 4.75

OKLAHOMA.—Blackwell, 8.82; Chandler, 2.93; Newkirk, 3; Norman, 3, C.E., 5; Okla. City, 44.32; Shawnee, 34.47, C. E., 25, 126.54

OZARK.—Grace, C.E., 5.00

PLATTE.—Avalon, 5; Breckenridge, 2.75, Y.L.C., 75 cts., Sunshine Bd., 90 cts.; Cameron, 2.60; Carrolton, 3.75; Chillicothe, 7.50; Grant City, 15, C.E., 80 cts.; Hamilton, 7.20, C.E., 3, Rain and Shine Bd., 71 cts.; King City, 1.25; Lathrop, 1.90; Maitland, 5; Maryville, 12.28; Monnd City, C.E., 4.33; Parkville, 9.62, Y.L.S., 1.62; Stanberry, 1.85; St. Joseph, Hope, 4; Westminster, 70.20; Tarkio, 13, Mary Palmer Bd., 3; Trenton, 2; Weston, 8, 188.06

TRINITY.—Dallas, 2d, 12.50

MISCELLANEOUS.—Kansas Syn'l Soc., 85 cts.; Missouri Syn'l Soc., 6.40; Advertisements in *Quarterly*, 11.50; Int. on Bond, 36.50; Interest on Deposits, 7.07, 62.30

Total for month,	$3,188.08
Total to date,	7,994.03

MRS. WM. BURG, *Treas.*,
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Receipts of the Woman's Occidental Board of Foreign Missions to December 25, 1905.

BENICIA.—Fort Bragg, 5.25; Hoopa, 15.20; Napa, 7; Westminster, C.E., 7; Petaluma, 5; San Anselmo, 25; San Rafael, 50, Baby Bd., 2; Santa Rosa, 20, Jr. C.E., 5; St. Helena, 3, Jr. C.E., 60; Miscellaneous, Pres. Dis. Meetings, 13.50, Baby Bd., 1, $159.55

LOS ANGELES.—Alhambra, 16.45, C.E., 5; Anaheim, 5, C. E., 2; Azusa, 5, C.E., 6, Sunshine Bd., 5; Coronado, 10.25; El Cajon, 4.01, C.E., 9.40; El Monte, 50 cts.; Fullerton, 4; Glendale, 8.20, C.E., 2.25; Hollywood, 10; Inglewood, 7.25, C.E., 15.50; La Jolla, 2.55; Long Beach, 40, C.E., 20, Jr. C.E., 2, Christ's Handmaidens, 8; Los Angeles, 1st, C.E., 5; 2d, 27.05; 3d, 2; Bethesda, C.E., 12; Bethany, 50, C.E., 5; Boyle Heights, 34.40, C.E., 17.50, Willing Workers, 1; Central, 9.50, C.E., 25; Grandview, 39.43, C.E., 25; Highland Park, 75, C.E., 25; Immanuel, 196.25, C.E., 112.50, Jr. C.E., 1.50, Y.L.M. Soc., 17; Redeemer, 15, C.E., 2.50; South Park, 1.80; Chinese, Golden Star Bd., 1.58; Spanish, 2.05; Moneta, 5; Monrovia, 20; Orange, 3.50; Pasadena, 1st, 50, C.E., 30; So. Pasadena, Calvary, 2; Pomona, 13, C.E., 10; Rivera, 8; San Diego, 19.50; Santa Ana, 49.60, C.E., 5; Santa Monica, 52.50; Tropica, C.E., 3; Tustin, 5, C.E., 3.50; Westminster, 5, C.E., 5, 1,131.52

OAKLAND.—Alameda, 12.75; Berkeley, 1st, 48, Y.L. Soc., 20, Baby Bd., 10; Danville, 2.50; Fruitvale, 3, C.E., 50 cts., Baby Bd., 3; Golden Gate, 5, Scattered Helpers, 2.50, Baby Bd., 5; Haywards, 19; Livermore, 3.50; Mills College, Tolman Bd., 35; Oakland, 1st, 68, C.E., 21.25, K.D., 17, Baby Bd., 2; Brooklyn, 131, C.E., 5; Centennial, 9, C.E., 6.10; Emanuel, 6.25; Union St., Miss. Sub. Co., 125, Aux., 25, C. E., 8.75, Baby Bd., 5; Richmond, 2.25; San Leandro, 2; South Berkeley, 8, Baby Bd., 3, 614.35

RIVERSIDE.—Colton, 13.75, C.E., 4.55, Baby Bd., 1; Coachella, C.E., 3; Ontario, Westm'r, 2.50, C.E., 5; Redlands, 36, C.E., 11.25, Inter. C.E., 6 17, Jr. C.E., 2.63, Baby Bd., 13; Riverside, Arlington, 18, C.E., 3, Baby Bd., 4; Calvary, 25, C.E., 16.50; San Bernardino, 26, C.E., 20.85; Upland, 9.50, C.E., 5, 226.70

SACRAMENTO.—Carson City, 5; Chico, 22.45, C.E., 6.25; Colusa, 2.50; Corning, 7.50; Elk Grove, 10, C.E., 1.25; Elko, C.E., 3; Fair Oaks, 3.85; Ione, 2; Red Bank, 3.60, C.E., 50 cts., Jr. C.E., 1.10; Red Bluff, 34.50, C.E., 1.45; Redding, 3.75, C.E., 2.50; Sacramento, Fremont Park, 8.70, C.E., 7.30; Westminster, 7.95, C.E., 2; Vacaville, 11.20, 148.35

SAN FRANCISCO.—San Francisco, 1st, 125, C.E., 50, Jr. C.E., 2.50, Baby Bd., 2; Calvary, 135, Delta Bd., 15; Franklin, 3.75; Howard, 18.75, C.E., 6.25; Lebanon, 8.75, C.E., 2; Mem'l, 3, Hope Bd., 2; Mizpah, 5; Olivet, 6, C.E., 2.75, Jr. C.E., 50 cts.; St. John, 5; Trinity, 41, C.E., 3, Baby Bd., 1; Westm'r, 20; Chinese Home, C.E., 7.85, Jr. C.E., 1.80, 467.90

SAN JOSE.—Cayucos, 20; Ben Lomond, 3; Boulder Creek, 3 25; Lakeside, C.E., 9; Los Gatos, 6, C.E., 7; Monterey, 2.45; Palo Alto, 3.75, C.E., 3.75; San Jose, 1st, 50.30, C.E., 6.70, Int. C.E., 3; 2d, 50.90, C.E., 10; San Luis Obispo, 5; San Martin, 1.60; Santa Clara, 20; Santa Cruz, C.E., 6.50; Skyland, 5; Watsonville, 5.35, C.E., 14.50, 237.05

SANTA BARBARA.—Ballard and Santa Ynez, 3.25; Carpinteria, 5, C.E., 3.50, Baby Bd., 6; Montecito, 1.70; Nordhoff, 3.75, C.E., 2.25; Santa Barbara, 47, Jr. C.E., 10, Baby Bd., 10, Adams Bd. (Chinese), 5; Santa Paula, 10, C.E., 9, Baby Bd., 7; Ventura, 5, 128.45

STOCKTON.—Bakersfield, 3; Big Oak Flat, 5.65; Coalterville, 2.35; Groveland, 3.35; Mariposa, 5.75, 20.10

MISCELLANEOUS.—Mrs. Tracy McGregor, Detroit, Mich., 75; Mr. H. C. Coleman, Norristown, Pa., 150, 225.00

Total for three months,	$3,328.97
Total since March 25, 1905,	9,191.40

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Receipts of the Woman's North Pacific Board of Missions for the Quarter Ending Dec. 25, 1905.

ALASKA.—Sitka, $2.50

CENTRAL WASHINGTON.—Ellensburg, 5; Goldendale, 1; Natchez, 2; North Yakima, C.E., 14; Sunnyside, 6.50, 18.50

GRAND RONDE.—Baker City, 15.12; Burns, 15.20; Elgin, 1.25; Harney, 5; La Grande, 7.68; Union, 4.25, 48.50

OLYMPIA.—Centralia, 5; Chehalis, 12.30; Buckley, 3, Jr. C.E., 1; Hoquiam, 2.20; Kelso, 3; Olympia, 10; Ridgefield, 1.55; Tacoma: 1st, 31; Bethany, 1.50; Immanuel, 27.85; Junette, 90 cts.; Sprague Mem'l, C.E., 2.10; Tacoma, Westminster, 1.85, C.E., 2.50, 115.75

PENDLETON.—Bend, 2.05; Laidlaw, 1.95; Monument, 5.30; Moro, 3.35; Pendleton, 7; Prineville, 1.86; Sisters, 75 cts., 22.26

PORTLAND.—Clatskaine, C.E., 2.15; Forestdale, 65 cts.; Oregon City, 5; Portland: 1st, 861.84; Calvary, 10; 3d, 11, C.E., 9.90; 4th, 15, C.E., 23; Forbes, C.E., 1; Marshall, 6; Mizpah, 2.70, C.E., 55 cts.; Mt. Tabor, 8.70; Westminster, 14.30, C.E., 3.85; Tualatin, 2.40, 978.04

PUGET SOUND.—Anacortes, Jr. C.E., 3; Auburn, 5.50, C. E., 1.25; Ballard, 3.50; Bellingham, 6.50; Brighton, 4, C.E., 10; Everett, 10; Seattle, 1st, 28.55; Westminster, 43.50, 115.80

SOUTHERN OREGON.—Ashland, 13; Grant's Pass, 16, C. E., 10; Medford, 2; Myrtle Point, 1; North Bend, 1.50; Rosebnrg, 2, 45.50

SPOKANE.—Cœur d'Alene, 5.50, C.E., 2; Davenport, 4.50, C.E., 3; Fairfield, 2.15; Harrison, 1.50; Harrington, 3.05; Odessa, 3.50; Rathdrum, 1.50; Spokane: 1st, 48 65, C.E., 28.50; Bethel, 2.25; Centenary, 12; 4th, 1.85; River Ch., 4.15; Pres. Soc., 8; Wellpinit, 2.80; Wilson Creek, 5.06, 139.96

WALLA WALLA.—Clarkston, 2; Kamiah, 2d Ch., 1.50; Moscow, 13, C.E., 5; Prescott, 3; Walla Walla, 15.90; Miss'y Conference, 6.05, 46.45

WILLAMETTE.—Albany, 12; Corvallis, 12.50; Dallas, 32; Eugene, 10, C.E., 4; Florence, 1.50; Lebanon, 4.29, C.E., 6; Salem, 31.25; McMinnville, 5.70; Salem, C.E., 15; Woodburn, 2.64, 126.88

Total,	$1,660.14
Previously reported,	3,596.33
Total,	$5,257.07

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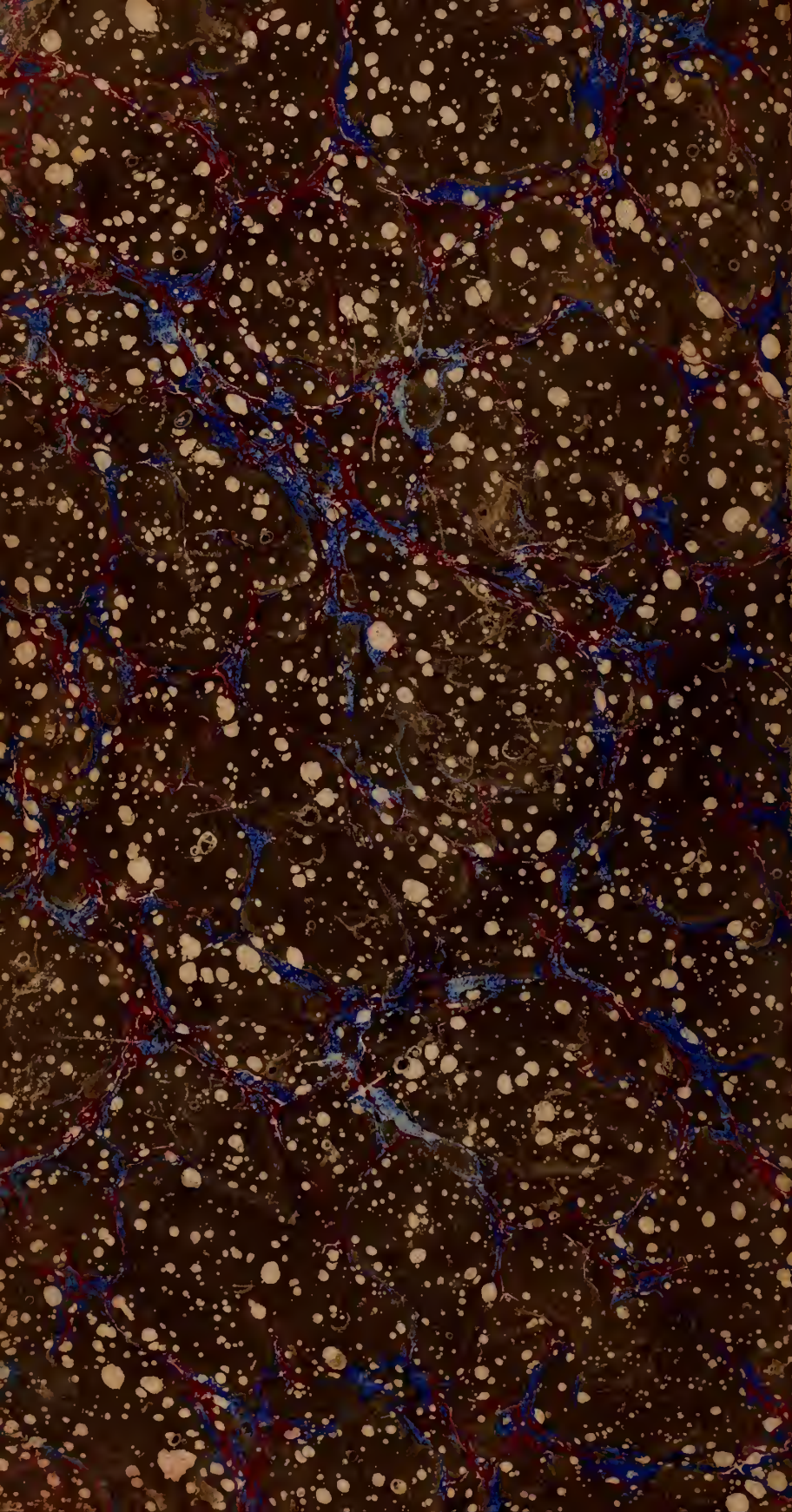
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